

# Saint Boniface

Catholic Church  
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - - Dec. 27, 2020

**“To share the gifts that God has entrusted to us by being Christ to one another, mindful of his unconditional love.”**

Welcome Back to St. Boniface Church Mass  
Saturday 4:00, Sundays 10 am, Noon in French

Please arrive early for check-in time before Mass

Volunteer Ushers & Cleaners needed for Mass

[Voluteersignup.org/497XW](https://voluteersignup.org/497XW)

We will be livestreaming Sunday 10:00 Mass through:

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## Parish Staff

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Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Chapel (left side of altar)

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, and Anointing  
of the Sick:

Please call parish office for information.

## Partners in Prayer

Phone prayer intentions any time to 612.986.3445  
E-mail prayer requests to: [boniface1858@usfamily.net](mailto:boniface1858@usfamily.net)  
St. Boniface, pray for us.

Help us keep the faith for which you gave your life.



## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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## Saint Boniface Catholic Church

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**READINGS for the Week of December 27, 2019**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40  
 Monday: I Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18  
 Tuesday: I Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35  
 Wednesday: I Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40  
 Thursday: I Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Friday: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21**

Saturday: I Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12**

**PRIVATE CONFESSION**

is always available on Saturdays at 3:30pm in our Chapel  
 (located left side of Altar).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00pm Anna Margaret Leitschuh-Hansen†  
 John and Jean Seward

Sunday, December 27, 2020

10:00am Art and Mildred Ladwig††  
 Richard and Corrine Wator & Family

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

9:00am Bob Wrubel

*(No 9:00am Mass on Thursday, December 31)*

Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:00pm Anna Margaret Leitschuh-Hansen†

Friday, January 1, 2021 (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Boniface

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00pm Ray and Mary Rush††, Don Garski†

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:00am George and Mary Wator††  
 St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women  
 12:00pm (French) All Parishioners

**Important Notes Regarding Year-End Contributions**

To properly reflect donations on your 2020 giving record, contributions mailed to St. Boniface must be post-marked no later than December 31, 2020.

Gifts made via online from your checking or savings accounts, must be completed by 3:00pm on December 28th. The parish office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday, December 31st if you wish to drop off your contribution in person.

Please contact Marge Ridley in the parish office, 612.379.2761, if you have any questions.

**Gospel Meditation**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**Lk 2:22-40**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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**Our Gifts to the Lord**

December 13, 2020 \$ 4,599.00

Online Giving \$110.00

Thank You for sharing your treasures!

## Blessings Of A Holy Hour

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface Church  
On Thursdays after the 9:00am morning Holy Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration - 9:30am to 10:30am

## The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available to all who wish to receive it. Father Biju will anoint after any of the weekend Holy Masses as well as any of the weekday Holy Masses.

A reservation is recommended. Please contact Marge at 612.379.9184 to arrange a time to come for this sacrament.

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## Volunteers needed for Mass

### Ushers for check-in & Pew Cleaners

If you are able, consider signing up to volunteer to be an usher and/or Cleaner. The volunteer sign-up sheet is online at:

[Volunteersignup.org/497XW](https://volunteersignup.org/497XW).

*Thank you for your service to your fellow parishioners.*

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## Wanted: Volunteer Tutors at Mary's Place Homeless Shelter

Mary's Place houses 400+ homeless children. Many of these children are behind at least one grade level, frustrated, and struggling to catch up.

We are seeking compassionate volunteers willing to work with these children one-on-one to encourage their education. Volunteers to support our tutoring program exist to help minimize the education gap for our children. This is truly a way to make a direct impact and the need is great.

Mary's Place Tutoring Program

Call 612.596.3418 or [Kklement.sharingandcaringhands.org](https://Kklement.sharingandcaringhands.org)

With thanks and gratitude,

Becky Hanel, Family Advocate at Mary's Place  
401 North 7th Street, Minneapolis MN 55405

## Are You Hurting?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion—women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is January 8-10, 2021 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at [rachels@vineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@vineyardmn.org), call 763.250.9313 or also you may see [www.rvineyardmn.org](http://www.rvineyardmn.org).



## Prayer to St. Joseph - Pope Francis

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

## "A Little Red Candle" by Sister Petra Maria, FLM

In a Catholic Church one always finds the red candle burning by the Tabernacle. To a non-Catholic this might go unnoticed, but for us it means everything. For this light tells us that the Light of the World is present *here in this place*. It does seem to just be a dim red light. Perhaps we are all so used to seeing it that we no longer notice it at all. But how much might one learn from this little red candle.

We see that it is a humble little candle. It does not announce itself to the world. Rather, it announces Him to all who would ask it, reminding us that we, too, should announce Christ to others simply by being there. It reminds us of Our Lady, standing at the foot of the Cross. It brings to mind, also, the Parable of the Ten Virgins, and tells us to keep our lamps burning for Him.

When we see the sanctuary lamp, we know that Jesus Christ is there, present in the tabernacle. As the Perfect Host, He has left His lamp burning, awaiting the arrival of us, His guests. Just so, when Jesus sees the light of Charity burning in our hearts, He will know that He is welcome, and that we are waiting for Him

Through Baptism, the Holy Trinity indwells the soul in a state of grace. Even though we cannot always remain in His House where He keeps His light burning for us, He remains within us, as we keep the light of Charity burning in our hearts.

This candle announces Christ simply by doing what it was made to do. This candle is not very big, rather it is simply a candle, a *little* candle. So, we can show forth Christ to others by being who God has created us to be, and we are all created to be His little children. The candle announces Christ to others by burning when it is lit. We, also, can do the same, by allowing ourselves to burn with love for Christ when the flame is lit in Holy Baptism. The life of our candle is kept burning every time we receive the Sacraments. Just as the candle needs to be changed out for a new one regularly, so we also must often make use of the Sacraments to be "made new" (cf. Rev 21:5).

May this little red candle, giving its very self for Christ, remind us always to do the same.

## CSAF

St Boniface has reached only half of our 2020 goal for the Catholic Service Appeal Foundation. Let me remind you that this is where 20 of the Catholic charities that serve in our Diocese get the funding they need to help the people of our Diocese. If you have it in your heart to help out, please send your contribution before the end of the year.

Go to the Website: <https://csafspm.org/givecsaf/>

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## Prayer Service for Life - Friday, January 22, 2021

Please join in the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:30am, Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Limited seating will be available and covid protocols will be followed. The prayer service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#).

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