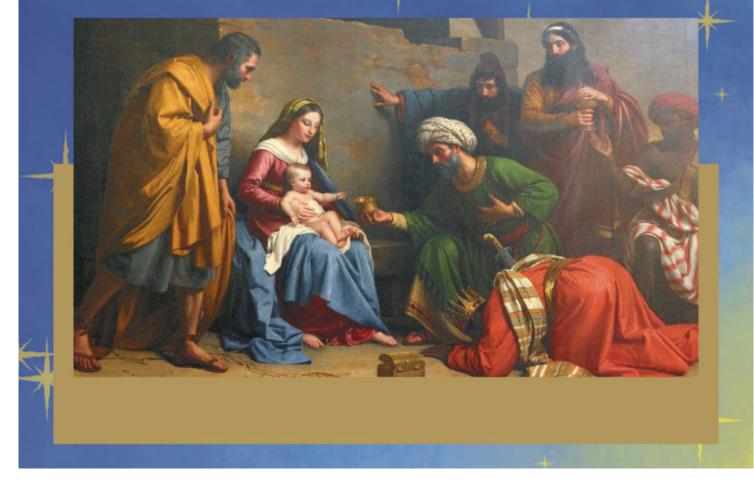
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JANUARY 2, 2022: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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JOURNEY TO CHRIST

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Matthew 2:2)

Pope Benedict XVI looks at the pilgrimage of the wise men as a new beginning...which "represents the journeying of humanity toward Christ. They initiate a procession that continues throughout history. Not only do they represent the people who have found the way to Christ: they represent the inner aspiration of the human spirit, the dynamism of religions and human reason toward him." (Jesus of Nazareth, II, 97 p)

When are we going to begin *our journey* to Christ? If we are looking for an opportune time, then we should rethink our decision. Time exists because of the Incarnate Savior. We should begin now. We should not fear of losing anything because everything is a gain (Phil 3: 7), and returned to us as abundance.

The beginning and the end of this pilgrimage is Christ. If we remain faithful to our desire, we will say, as Augustine said, "Late have I loved you, O Beauty, so ancient, and ever new! For behold, you were inside me, but I was outside, and sought you there... You were with me, but I was not with You. Things kept me far from You.....You called, and cried aloud, and broke open my deafness. You gleamed and shined, and chased away my blindness. You breathed out odors, and I drew in my breath, and now I breathe heavily for You I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace." (Confessions 10.27)

As we begin this new year, I pray that we make our pilgrimage to the Incarnate Savior. And no matter how unworthy or far removed we feel with Christ, if we are ready to invest everything we are & have to the search of the Savior who dwells among us, *we will find Him lying in a manger hungering for our salvation*!

In humility and adoration of the Savior, Father Chinna

"¿Dónde está el recién nacido rey de los judíos? Vimos su estrella salir y hemos venido a rendirle homenaje ". (Mateo 2: 2)

El Papa emeritus Benedicto XVI mira la peregrinación de los sabios como un **nuevo comienzo** ... que "representa el camino de la humanidad hacia Cristo. Inician una procesión que continúa a lo largo de la historia. No solo representan a las personas que han encontrado el camino a Cristo: representan la aspiración interior del espíritu humano, el dinamismo de las religiones y la razón humana hacia él." (Jesús de Nazaret, Narrativas de la infancia, 97 p)

¿Cuándo vamos a comenzar nuestro viaje hacia Cristo? Si buscamos un momento oportuno, entonces debemos repensar nuestra decisión. El tiempo existe gracias al Salvador Encarnado. Deberíamos empezar ahora. No debemos temer perder nada porque todo es una ganancia (Filipenses 3: 7), y nos regresó como abundancia.

¿El principio y el final de esta peregrinación es Cristo. Si permanecemos fieles a nuestro deseo, diremos, como dijo Agustín: "¡Tarde te amé, oh Belleza, tan antigua y siempre nueva! Porque he aquí, tú estabas dentro de mí, pero yo estaba fuera, y allí te buscaba... Tú estabas conmigo, pero yo no estaba contigo. Las cosas me mantuvieron lejos de ti ... Tú llamaste, y gritaste fuerte, y rompiste mi sordera. Resplandeciste y resplandeciste, y alejaste mi ceguera. Expiraste olores y yo respiré, y ahora respiro pesadamente por Ti.... Probé, y ahora tengo hambre y sed. Tú me tocaste y yo ardí por tu paz" (Confesiones 10.27).

Al comenzar este nuevo año, oro para que hagamos nuestro peregrinaje al Salvador Encarnado. Y no importa cuán indignos o lejanos nos sintamos con Cristo, si estamos listos para invertir todo lo que somos y tenemos en la búsqueda del Salvador que habita entre nosotros, jlo encontraremos acostado en un pesebre hambriento de nuestra salvación!

En humildad y adoración al Salvador, el Padre Chinna

DAILY READINGS

<u>Saturday, 1 January</u> SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, 2 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

<u>Monday, 3 January</u> Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

<u>Tuesday, 4 January</u> Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, 5 January

Saint John Neumann 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

<u>Thursday, 6 January</u> Saint André Bessette 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

<u>Friday, 7 January</u> Christmas Weekday Saint Raymond of Penyafort 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

<u>Saturday, 8 January</u>

Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

<u>Sunday, 9 January</u> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1 January 4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of our parish family 5:00 PM: Victor A. Schirck family Sunday, 2 January 8:30 AM: Mary Scarpino (RIP) 10:30 AM: Mark Vetter (RIP) Tuesday, 4 January 5:30 PM: Fr.Dale Reiff (RIP) Wednesday, 5 January 8:00 AM: Tom Lickteig & Julie (RIP) Thursday, 6 January 8:00 AM: Patricia Niegsch (RIP) Friday, 7 January 5:30 PM: Virginia Barrett (RIP) Saturday, 8 January 4:00 PM (Online): Intentions of our parish family 5:00 PM: Marian Niemeyer (RIP) Sunday, 9 January 8:30 AM: Judy Elderdge (RIP) 10:30 AM: Lynne Rihner (RIP)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- $\Rightarrow \ \, \text{Joe Wilson}$
- \Rightarrow Sharon Baez
- \Rightarrow Family of Elaine Rudnicki
- $\Rightarrow \ \operatorname{Peg}\operatorname{Pingel}$
- \Rightarrow Chris

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's **SANCTUARY LAMP** is offered in remembrance of **JUANITA RESTREPO** May the Lord be merciful and grant her eternal rest!

ADORATION 2022

BEGINNING FROM JANUARY 2022, WE WILL HAVE ADORATION ON FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING 5:30 PM MASS UNTIL 8 PM! PLEASE JOIN US ON JANU-ARY 4, 2022 AT 5:30 PM!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP-UPDATE

TITHING ANALYSIS THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP!

November 2021

Total # Households 1,830

> November 2020 # Households Giving Financial Support 1,801 or 593 or 33%

PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING YOUR TITHING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT IN THE NEW YEAR!

Households Giving Financial Support November 2021 641 or 35%

WEEKLY TITHING COMPARISON

Week Ending Dec 21, 2020		Week Ending Dec 20, 2021	
Tithing	\$43,728	Tithing	\$53, 823
Building Faith	\$3,798	Building Faith	\$4,579
Parish Debt as of 21 Dec.	\$1,274,496	Parish Debt as of 20 Dec.	\$690,596

THANK YOU!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

- To the <u>decoration committee</u>: Becky Brdicko, Karen & Mike Lantz, Roberta Harvey, Linda Waknitz, and Liz Cosner for Christmas Decorations. The parish is deeply grateful to you for making the altar and sanctuary look beautiful.
- To Mark Sweet, John Bruecken, and Scott Macarthy for the support and commitment they provide for our online ministry (Livestreaming, Pre-recording, and Broadcasting weekday and weekend Mass). Thanks to Bridget Johnston for organizing the schedule and for providing music.



ANGEL TREE 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO ANGEL TREE—WE RAISED \$ 17,481 FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY! The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Number 6:24-26)

May the Lord bless Saint Boniface Parish!

HAPPY

NEWYEAR

2022

EL SALVADOR 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO EL SALVADOR (EL RECREO) MISSION COMMUNITY – WE RAISED \$14, 362.99!

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November 17, 2021

St. Mary Hamburg Parish Solidarity

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this season when we give thanks, I am inspired by the generosity of our diocesan faith family toward individuals and communities in need. Parishioners rally behind food pantries and clothing drives and collect items for families who might otherwise go without basic essentials and presents through the Christmas Season. I invite you to consider rallying behind a sister parish in our Diocese of Des Moines in addition to the ordinary support that you offer for your local community.

St. Mary Parish in Hamburg is in the far southwest corner of the Diocese of Des Moines (see the image below). The parish has planned to build a Religious Education Center for a number of years but has been thwarted by unavoidable delays by three circumstances beyond their control. The build was initially postponed because of the flood of 2019. The second attempt was postponed because of the 2020 pandemic. Now, the parish is finding that their bid to build has risen dramatically due to higher construction costs and supply shortages.

It disturbs me to know that St. Mary Parish has been without a proper space to educate its young people in the faith since 2019. A modest Religious Education Center would offer the parish six classroom spaces, adequate restrooms, and an office space. Regrettably, COVID-19 has caused construction delays that have resulted in a funding gap the parish cannot meet. Admirably, this parish of 85 households has raised and saved more than \$700,000 in cash and pledges, which would have been more than enough to fund the original project; now, however, it still needs an additional \$400,000 to close the gap and build this structure that is so essential for the future of the parish.

I am committed to seeing this mission region of the Diocese flourish with construction of the Religious Education Center so that all might be nurtured in their faith. St. Mary is strategically positioned to offer missionary witness to Christ even beyond the borders of our state. The Diocese has committed \$100,000 to support the project and seeks \$300,000 from our 79 parishes and faith communities to be contributed to the Parish Solidarity Fund to support St. Mary Parish.

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SOLIDARITY FUND: SECOND COLLECTION!

I ask every faith community in our Diocese to take up a special collection over a weekend of your choosing between November 21, 2021 and January 16, 2022 for the St. Mary Hamburg Religious Education Center by way of the newly created Parish Solidarity Fund. The Fund serves the people of God in the 23 counties of the Diocese of Des Moines when a serious need arises and the local parish or faith community has exhausted resources and capacity to meet the need.

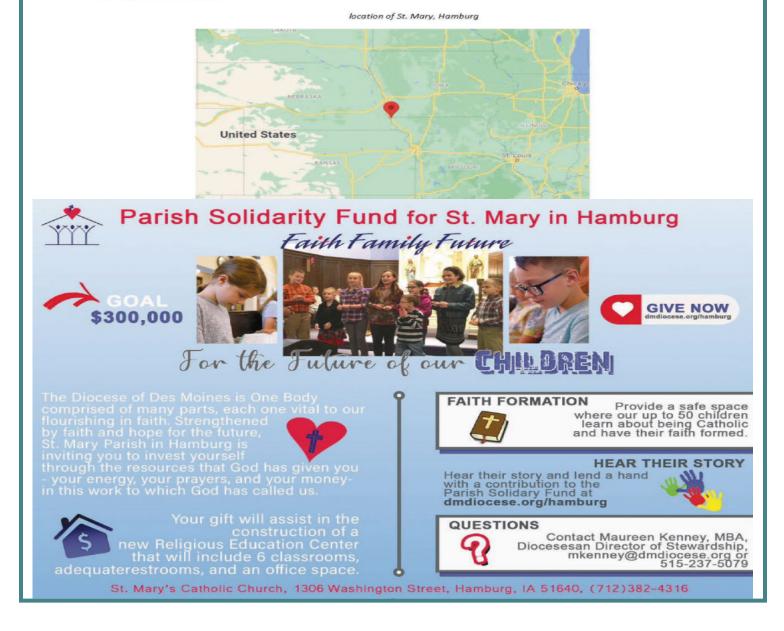
Donations can be made directly to the Diocese with a notation for St. Mary Hamburg Parish Solidarity. Gifts can also be made online dmdiocese.org/hamburg.

May the God who is never outdone in generosity bless you as you extend your care to those within our diocesan family. And as we conclude the Year of St. Joseph, may this tireless protector of families, parishes, and the Universal Church intercede for you and your loved ones.

Faithfully in Christ,

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Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D. Bishop of Des Moines



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

REVIVE US, O LORD!

Do you want to get fired up?

Then join us at **Fan the Flame t**o stoke the fire of your faith, your relationship with Christ, and your St Boniface parish family.



The ADULT FAJTH TEAM is planning a powerful day of Renewal Experience for Saint Boniface adults on Saturday, February 19th 10:00a.m.-4:30 p.m. We pray the Holy Spirit may stir your hearts to sign up for this event!

POVERTY AWARENESS



HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE! SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

We need every household's participation to keep our children safe this year as they arrive and leave faith formation sessions. Looking ahead, we have many safety team spots open on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Please sign up today!

We need **one adult from every family** to sign up as a safety team member **for** *at least* **one two-hour shift during the year**. At the beginning of your shift, you will report to a safety team "captain" in the faith formation office and receive your instructions.

If you've already helped, *thank you!* If you've not yet signed up or can help again, please do so as soon as possible at https://stbonifacechurch.org/register.



LITETEEN MASS: Jan 9th

NEXT LIFETEEN MASS & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP JAN 9

Has your teen tried a Sunday evening LifeTeen Mass or our high school youth group yet? Our next LifeTeen Mass is Sun, Jan 9, at 5pm, followed by high school youth group (9th-12th grade) with food and fellowship in the Mary & Joseph Room.

IFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

THANK YOU for CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS!

By MILAGRO RODRIQUEZ Words that come to life in this beautiful event.

As we distributed the Christmas Food Baskets, it reminded me of **Psalm 9:18**: "For the needy will never be forgotten, nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade."



See the faces of the community, filled with joy and peace. Even the oldest member of El Recreo Community helped to unload the truck that was filled with Christmas Food Baskets.



Speaking with some of the young people in the community—shy to appear on camera—expressed how grateful they were for all the help they received from their St. Boniface Catholic Church.

El SALVADOR MISSION COMMITTEE

MARK & JERRI KLEIHAUER, JEREL & ELAINE MERICAL, MIKE STANLEY, and DENNIS HENDERSON



Given the rising cost of food today, food baskets were a great blessing. Families will have food for their children during Christmas. The El Recreo community feels fortunate to have friends in St. Boniface parish who always care for them.



The people of El Recreo are looking forward to welcoming the delegates from St. Boniface parish again in the new year—2022. The friends and families of El Salvador miss seeing St. Boniface Family!

With Christmas greetings, Milagro Rodriquez and the EL RECREO COMMUNITY LEADERS



MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you to Bridget Johnston and Music Ministry for continuing the tradition of caroling during Christmas and bringing joy to our friends at Independence Village and Alice Place.



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MISSION

"To encounter Jesus and to become the joy of the Gospel"

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday at 5:30 PM Wednesday through Friday at 8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4:00 PM Online only 5:00 PM Mass (In-person) Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM (In-person)

CONFESSION

Thursday through Saturday: 4:00–5:00PM

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH REGISTRATION

Would you like to be part of St. Boniface parish family? Please call <u>Tiffany Hilgenberg</u> in the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

If you need information on Baptism, Marriage, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick, please contact <u>Sara Krohnke</u> in the Parish Office.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is thinking about joining the Catholic Church or is inquiring about the faith, please contact <u>Fave Akers</u> in the Parish Office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Want to publish something in the Bulletin? Please submit your content to <u>Chris Bell</u> in the Parish Office by the end of the day Friday the week prior.

Father Chinna Devaraj

(Parish Priest)

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