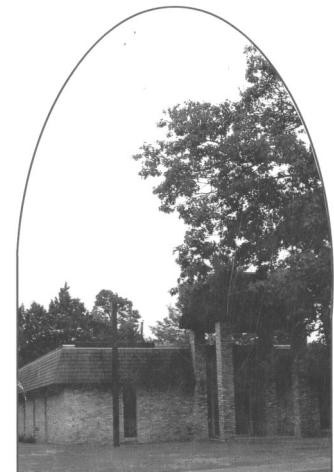
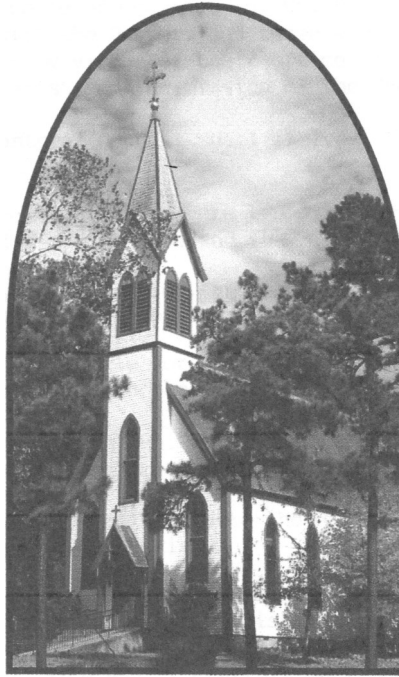
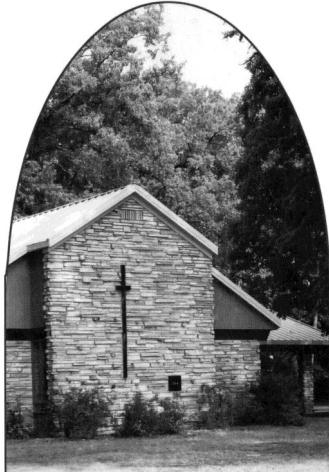


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December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
St. Elizabeth Road
Oppelo, Arkansas*

*Mission Community of
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
33223 Hwy 300
Little Italy, Arkansas*

MASSES

Saturday—5:00 p.m. St. Francis
Sunday—8:00 a.m. St. Boniface
Sunday—10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—4 p.m. St. Francis
Sunday—7:30 a.m. St. Boniface
First Saturdays—10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth

MARRIAGE

Canon law requires all Catholics planning to marry to contact a priest for the necessary preparation, dispensations (if needed), and formal permission. Diocesan law requires *at least* six months' notice be given to the pastor of the Church in which you are a member. Please do not set a date or make plans until you have met with the Pastor.

ROSARY

St. Boniface— before weekday and Sunday Masses
St. Elizabeth—before Sunday Mass

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the church office.

BAPTISMS

By appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you or a family member are ill or in the hospital and would like to be placed on the prayer list and to arrange for a visit from a Eucharistic Minister.

BULLETIN

Bulletin articles must be submitted by Noon on Tuesday. Please call Shelley 816-678-6724 or email articles to: threeparishbulletin@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY



Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



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A Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat will be held – January 25-26, 2019 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207. *Come see that Sisters are Real People!* The retreat is for young women 16-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about Religious Life. Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Vocations, Youth & Campus Ministry, & Minister for Religious, the retreat will include talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations serving in Arkansas; time for prayer & reflection; and opportunity to speak with the Sisters. The Retreat is free. Registration deadline is January 15th. For the Registration Form and more information click on <https://www.dolr.org/events/2019-womens-religious-discernment-retreat> or contact Sr. Mary Clare, Minister for Religious smcbezn@dolr.org, 501-664-0340, ext. 309.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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Second Collection Results

	<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>
World Mission Sunday	\$225	\$184	\$245
Catechetical Sunday	\$32.50	\$45	\$13.50
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$115	\$190	\$106



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Question of the Week...

What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

Weekly Offering



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NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES—2019 offering envelopes are now available. All registered members are encouraged to pick up a box and use these envelopes for their donations.

ST. BONIFACE

- The Altar Society will soon be purchasing poinsettias for the altars. If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please contact Cindy Mann at 501-759-3119. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.
- The PRE Youth Christmas Program will be Dec 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hall followed by light refreshments and a visit from Santa. Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies to share.

ST. ELIZABETH

- The Christmas Play is Sunday, December 9 at 5pm. We will have a reception in the parish hall following the play. Each family should bring a plate of goodies.
- The Knights of Columbus council 5209 in Morrilton annual Kids' Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the hall on North Cedar Street. The Sacred Heart CYM will be working with the Knights to plan some great games and activities for the kids, and of course we expect a visit from Santa! Everyone welcome.
- The Altar Society is accepting donations for Poinsettias for the altar, which may be given in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$10 each but any donation will be appreciated. Please give donations (flower envelopes) to Fran Donaldson or Jeannie Andrews
- We are working on the Mass Assistant list for 2019. There will be a list posted on the board in front of church. Please mark off your name or add your name to the list you want deleted from or added to. Contact Kimberly Moore if you have any questions. 501 289-0545
- CYM will be Christmas caroling Dec. 22nd. There will be a signup sheet in the front of church if you would like them to come by your house.

ST. FRANCIS

- Poinsettias to decorate St. Francis Church during the Advent Season to honor your friends or relatives may be obtained through Bob Dorer, 501-773-6545. Any donation to help cover the cost is appreciated. Forms to list loved ones are available in the vestibule.

THIS WEEK...

Saturday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Jimmy Day
St. Boniface	4-7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
St. Francis	4:30 p.m.	Adoration
St. Francis	5:00 p.m.	Mass—People of the Parishes
St. Francis		Altar Visit
St. Boniface	7:00 p.m.	Altar Society Meeting

Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration & Confessions
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Jon Ray Muncy
St. Boniface		Altar Visit
St. Boniface		Breakfast & PRE
St. Elizabeth	10:30 a.m.	Mass—People of the Parishes
St. Elizabeth		Altar Visit
St. Elizabeth	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Party
St. Boniface	7:00 p.m.	NO RCIA Class

Monday, December 10—No Services - *Fr Richard's Day Off*

Tuesday, December 11—No Services

Wednesday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Elizabeth	6:30 p.m.	Mass—Helen Ward
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Thursday, December 13—No Services

First Friday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Connor Kordsmeier

Saturday, December 15

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Vocations
St. Francis	4:30 p.m.	Adoration
St. Francis	5:00 p.m.	Mass—Special Intention

Sunday, December 16—Third Sunday of Advent

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration & Confessions
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Helen Egger
St. Boniface		Breakfast & PRE
St. Elizabeth	10:30 a.m.	Mass—People of the Parishes
St. Boniface	1:30 p.m.	Christmas Play
St. Boniface	7:00 p.m.	NO RCIA Class

SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 10-16

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 15 & 16

	<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>
Altar Servers	David Mann Tyler Nutt	CYM MASS	Robin Stover Allison Dorer
Lector	Keith Dixon		Jim Carroll
Offertory	Jeff White Family		Vince & Toni Chiaro
Communion Ministers	Susan Lee Lee Nutt	Joey Dold Becky Dold Matt Zimmerman	Bill Mooney Jeannette Adams
Ushers	Mark Hartman Ronnie Brewer		
Greeters			
Altar Presentation			Pauline Ghidotti Lynn Ghidotti