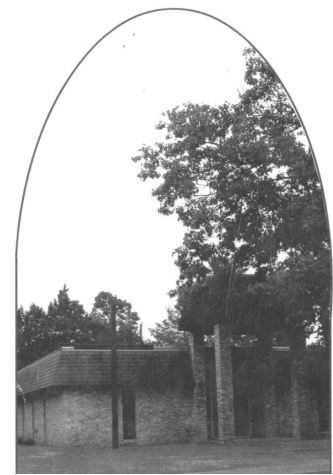
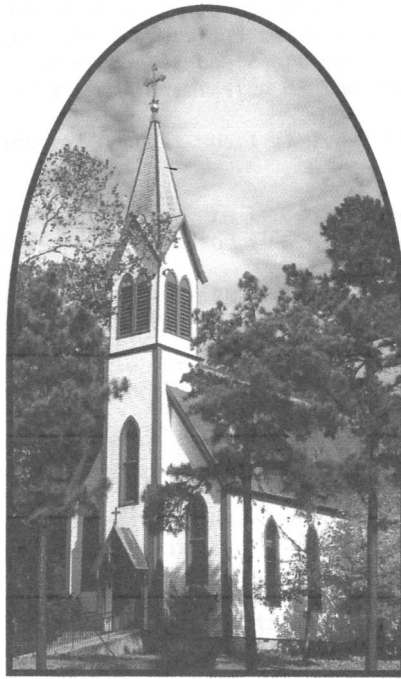
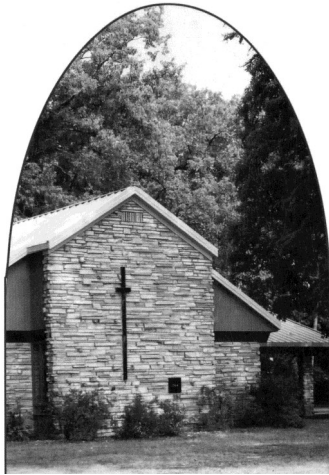


# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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November 17—33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## 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

## BAPTISMS

By appointment

## RCIA

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

## 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.

## OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

## BULLETIN

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

## AROUND THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

**THANKSGIVING MEAL**—Atkins, Church of the Assumption, Annual Thanksgiving Meal: We will have our open-to-the public Annual Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 17, from 11:00-1:30. The meal will be held in McKee Hall. We will be serving Turkey and Dressing with all the Trimmings, plus Homemade Desserts. Take-out Meals will also be available. Cost for Adults is \$10.00; Children 6-12---\$5.00; and Children 5 and under---Free.

**TURKEY BINGO**—The 12th annual Judy Dorer Turkey Bingo will be held at St. Francis Hall on Saturday November 23, 2019 immediately following the 5pm Mass. A chili super with all the trimmings will be served. All are welcome.



**SEARCH #147 RETREAT**—Registrations are now being accepted for Search #147, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #147 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of December 6-8, 2019. The fee is \$135.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-147.pdf>

In order to make our weekly celebrations more conducive to prayer, to preserve the sacredness of our liturgies and to ensure the comfort of all those who are gathered, we kindly ask that you please remember to silence your cell phones before entering the church.

## LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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## SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE (1769-1852) November 18

Pope Benedict once declared himself struck by how remarkably diverse our American saints are—some native born: Mother Seton, Katherine Drexel, Kateri Tekakwitha; most, like many Catholics today, immigrants: Padre Serra, Bishop Neumann, Mother Cabrini, Rose Philippine Duchesne. When the French Revolution that dispersed her convent ended, Rose joined the Religious of the Sacred Heart, volunteering for their United States mission, opening the first free school west of the Mississippi. Only after lengthy service as Superior did Rose—now seventy-one—realize her life's dream, undertaking a mission among the Potawatomi Indians. When some worried about her advanced age and failing health, the Jesuit mission leader overruled them: "She must come! She may not be able to do much work, but she'll bring the mission success by praying for us!" Frustrated by her inability to learn their languages, Rose nevertheless "spoke" to the Native Americans by her prayerful presence before the tabernacle. "Quah-kah-ka-num-ad," they named her, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always"—their way of bestowing the title the Church would later make official: saint!

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**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER  
1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> BULLETINS IS  
NOON, TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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## Question of the Week...

Have you ever worried about something that might happen?  
What can help you worry less?

## ST. BONIFACE

- The PRE Youth Christmas Program will be Dec 15 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

- Our parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Elizabeth today. There will be a potluck lunch in the parish hall following Mass. Italian sausage, bread, drinks and paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## ST. FRANCIS

- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Program and Indoor Picnic**—For the last seven years, the Wye Mountain Baptist Church, the Wye Mountain Methodist Church, along with Souls Anchor Assembly of God Church, and the St. Francis Catholic Church have gathered together for one evening to celebrate a Community Thanksgiving. Each year one of these churches plays host to this event and this year the St. Francis Catholic Church will be the host. Please come out on Wednesday, **November 20, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** and enjoy lots of fine food, desserts, and community fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Martha Starks about it at church or call her at 330-2290.
- **Robin Hood Can Collection comes to St. Francis!** - Mount St. Mary Academy supports area agencies, including Helping Hand, Centers for Youth and Family, Union Rescue, and the Arkansas Food Bank, in providing canned food for the holidays. Last year the school total exceeded 36,000 cans.

Today is the final day Robin Stover will be collecting cans at St. Francis. If you would like to participate, bring your cans to mass and drop them in the boxes provided, or Robin will be happy to unload them for you. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support! For more information, contact [mstover@mtstmary.edu](mailto:mstover@mtstmary.edu) or call Maureen Stover at 501-517-2266.

## THIS WEEK...

Saturday, November 16

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—A. J. Sponer
St. Francis	4:30 p.m.	Adoration & Confessions
St. Francis	5:00 p.m.	Mass—People of the Parishes

Sunday, November 17—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration & Confessions
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Frances Gubanski
St. Elizabeth	10:30 a.m.	Mass—Irene Hoyt
St. Boniface	7:00 p.m.	RCIA

Monday, November 18—No Services - Fr. Richard's Day Off

Tuesday, November 19

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Joe Malchaski

Wednesday, November 20

St. Elizabeth		No Services
St. Francis	6:00 p.m.	Wye Mountain Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 21—No Services

Friday, November 22—St. Cecilia, Virgin

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—John Ray Muncy

Saturday, November 23

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Vocations
St. Francis	4:30 p.m.	Adoration & Confessions
St. Francis	5:00 p.m.	Mass—People of the Parishes

Sunday, November 24—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Boniface	7:30 a.m.	Adoration & Confessions
St. Boniface	8:00 a.m.	Mass—Virginia Cunningham
St. Elizabeth	10:30 a.m.	Mass—Nancy Kaye Dold
St. Boniface	7:00 p.m.	RCIA

### LITURGICAL

#### MINISTERS:

	<u>St. Francis</u> Nov 23 - 5pm	<u>St. Boniface</u> Nov 24 - 8am	<u>St. Elizabeth</u> Nov 24 - 10:30am
Altar Servers	Robin Stover Allison Dorer	Rose Gunther Bethany Woodson	Savannah Koonce Sydney Koonce Rylee Widner Landon Dold
Lector	Martha Starks	Barbara Henderson	Emma Dold
Offertory	Rob & Maureen Stover	Jeff White Family	Kerry Bottoms Family
Communion Ministers	Vince Chiaro Jeannette Adams	Bobby Gunther Cindy Mann	Matt Zimmerman Carol Zimmerman Louise Hartman
Ushers		James Stiefvater Dodie Gunther	Lex Anderson Dan Hartman
Greeters			Bobby & Vivian Hoyt
Altar Presentation	Terre Loudenslager Maureen Stover		

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43