

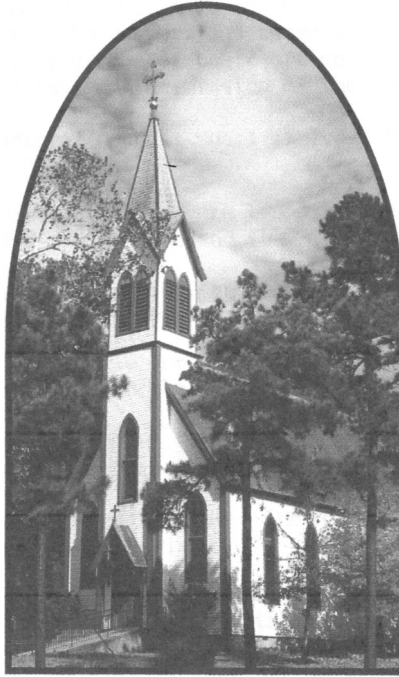
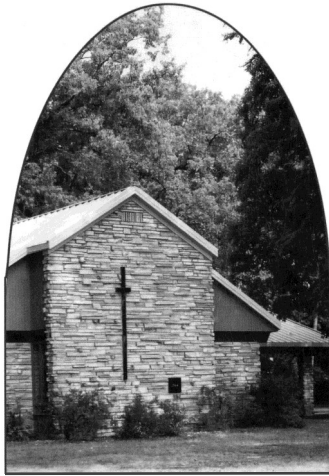
# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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January 10<sup>th</sup> 2021—The Baptism of the Lord

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Oppelo, Arkansas*

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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
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Little Italy, Arkansas*

[www.stfrancislittleitaly.org](http://www.stfrancislittleitaly.org)

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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

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—4:30 p.m.      St. Francis  
Sunday—7:30 a.m.      St. Boniface  
Sunday—10:00 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 Sunday Mass  
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 our pastor at 501-504-6950 if you or a family member are seriously ill and in need of anointing of the sick and would like to be placed on the prayer list.

## OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

## BULLETIN

Bulletin articles must be submitted by Noon on Tuesday. Please call Kristy Eanes 501-831-1618 or email articles to: [triparishesbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:triparishesbulletin@gmail.com)

**RCIA CLASSES**—The next class is on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm following the Mass at St. Boniface Church.

**THE DISCOVER YOUR STORY PROGRAM** will resume this weekend, Sunday evening January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St. Boniface Office Conference room.

**MASS FOR LIFE**—On Sunday January 17, 2021 Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 p.m. This Mass will also be live streamed at [www.youtube.com/user/cdolr](http://www.youtube.com/user/cdolr). Unfortunately, because of corona virus, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17 at 2pm behind the Capitol. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org) for more information.

<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>	
January 2 & 3	
St Boniface .....	\$2,252.31
St Elizabeth .....	\$2,314.09
St Francis .....	\$1,748.00

**RETRouvaille ARKANSAS VIRTUAL WEEKEND**—Help Our Marriage: A Virtual Weekend on ZOOM will be held January 28-31, 2021. To sign-up go to [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org). For further information call 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956.

**DONATED POINSETTIAS** may now be removed from the altars at each parish after the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your donations and for adding to the celebrations of the Mass at Christmastime.

**TRI-PARISH ONLINE GIVING**—We’re pleased to announce online giving through software called ‘ParishSOFT Giving’. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just use your parish’s online giving link below. When you participate, your gift will transfer directly into the parish bank account. Questions? Contact the church office.

St. Boniface:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stboniface>

St. Elizabeth:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stelizabethoppelo>

St. Francis:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stfrancislittleitaly>

**TRI-PARISH ‘MY OWN CHURCH’ SYSTEM**—Update your family information! Visit [littlerock.parishsoftfamilysuite.com](http://littlerock.parishsoftfamilysuite.com), and create an account. Once the church office approves your account, you’ll be able to update all of your family information. Need help? Watch this Detailed Instruction Video: [vimeo.com/102551875](https://vimeo.com/102551875) . For more information, please contact the church office.

**NEW TRI-PARISH CLOSED CIRCUIT TV IN PARISH HALLS**—To ensure safety protocols for COVID-19, the Tri-Parishes all have overflow seating for Masses with closed circuit television in their respective parish halls! Communion will be offered for those in overflow seating, and all COVID protocols remain in place in the parish halls as well. This is a courtesy to those who may feel uncomfortable in the main sanctuary due to limited seating.

“It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.” -Mk 1:9

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## The Anointing:

*Scott Hahn Reflects on  
the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see [Genesis 22:2](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [Psalm 2:7](#)).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word Messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see [2](#)

[Samuel 23:1-17](#); [Psalm 18:51](#); [132:10, 17](#)). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see [Isaiah 11:1-2](#); [Daniel 9:25](#)).

That's why people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to John. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary—Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see [Luke 1:32-33](#)).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage—a way to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.




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## ST. BONIFACE

- No Announcements

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## ST. ELIZABETH

- No Announcements

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## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

- Lectors: January 9th: Bob Dorer & January 16th: Martha Starks
- Please be advised that due to Covid-19 and the lack of meetings in 2020, the Officers of the St. Francis Altar Society have unanimously voted to forgo our 2021 Membership fee. Feel free to contact Martha Starks if you have any questions.

**THIS WEEK**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE &  
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 9**

St. Francis 4:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions  
St. Francis 5:00 p.m. Mass—+James Sr. &  
Antonie Malik

**Sunday, January 10—The Baptism of the Lord**

St. Boniface 7:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions  
St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—For all Parishioners  
St. Elizabeth 9:30 a.m. Adoration  
10:00 a.m. Confessions  
10:30 a.m. Mass—+George Hamling

**Monday, January 11—No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 12**

St. Boniface 6:00 p.m. Mass—+Don Godfrey

**Wednesday, January 13**

St. Elizabeth 6:00 p.m. Mass—+Clem Hartman

**Thursday, January 14—No Mass**

**Friday, January 15**

St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—Oren Paul Hart  
healing

**Saturday, January 16**

St. Francis 4:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions  
St. Francis 5:00 p.m. Mass—+Katherine DeSalvo

**Sunday, January 17—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Boniface 7:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions  
St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—For all Parishioners  
St. Elizabeth 9:30 a.m. Adoration  
10:00 a.m. Confessions  
10:30 a.m. Mass—+Abe DeSalvo



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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

1/11—Monday Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1+2b, 6+7c, 9;  
Mk 1:14-20  
1/12—Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab+5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 1:21-28  
1/13—Wednesday Heb 2:14-18;  
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39  
1/14—Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mk 1:40-45  
1/15—Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3+4bc, 6c-7, 8;  
Mk 2:1-12  
1/16—Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;  
Mk 2:13-17  
1/17—Sunday 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19;  
Ps 40:2+4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**SAINT FEAST DAYS**

January 12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys  
January 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint. Copyright © 2020, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.