

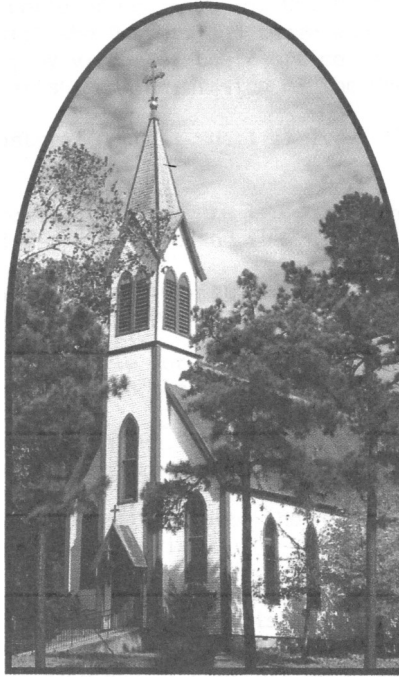
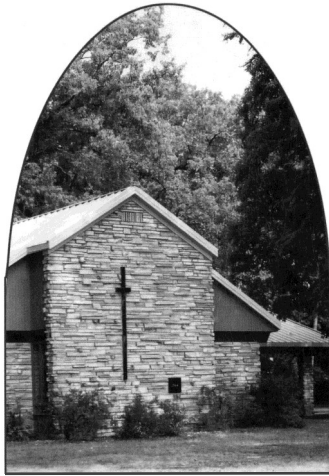
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January 17, 2021—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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| 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

RCIA CLASSES—The next class is on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm and the topic for study is: “Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy”. Classes will return to their regular schedule the following week.

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. 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 for more information.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE is a novena for the protection of human life January 21—29. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. [Sign up to receive notifications](#). Download the novena, printables, graphics, and suggested activities - available in English & in Spanish - from the [9 Days for Life website](#). Join Catholics across the country in praying for the protection of human life throughout *9 Days for Life* through [livestreamed prayer events](#). Visit www.respectlife.org for details.

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. For further information call 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956.

 In order to make our weekly celebrations more conducive to prayer and to preserve the sacredness of the Mass, we ask that you silence your cell phones before entering the church and please maintain reverential silence in the church. Thank you.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. ELIZABETH LECTORS/ USHERS NEEDED—There will be a Lector and Usher training for all existing and those who are interested in becoming one. We are in need of more Lectors to proclaim the Word and Ushers to welcome parishioners and visitors. Please consider it and pray about it. These are important ministries for our parishes. Please register at the church office by email or phone and please leave message if no one is available by January 26th so that we can have enough handouts. The contact information is on the front of your bulletins. The training for St Elizabeth will be January 27th following Mass. The training for St Boniface will be January 31st following Mass.

| WEEKLY COLLECTIONS | |
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| January 9 & 10 | |
| St Boniface | \$2,787.05 |
| St Elizabeth | \$1,327.09 |
| St Francis | \$2,157.50 |

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILDREN—On January 22nd, we pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roë v. Wade*. Call your local diocese 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or parish to find out what events might be taking place in your area.

“I did not call you,” my son. “Go back to sleep.”
1 Sm 3:6



Hearing the Call:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21](#); [7:2-3](#)). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1](#); [John 10:3](#)). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14](#); [14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

ST. BONIFACE

- Lector/Usher training January 31st after Mass

ST. ELIZABETH

- Lector/Usher training January 27th after Mass

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

- Lectors: January 16th: Martha Starks & January 23rd: Mike Zimmer
- 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 16

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

Sunday, January 17—2nd 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

Monday, January 18—No Mass

Tuesday, January 19

St. Boniface 6:00 p.m. Mass—+Lauretta
Koenigseder

Wednesday, January 20

St. Elizabeth 6:00 p.m. Mass—+JP Koch

Thursday, January 21—No Mass

Friday, January 22

St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—+Charles Knaggs

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24—3rd 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—+Tony & Frances
DeSalvo



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| 1/18—Monday | Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22 |
| 1/19—Tuesday | Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9+10c; Mk 2:23-28 |
| 1/20—Wednesday | Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6 |
| 1/21—Thursday | Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12 |
| 1/22—Friday | Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8+10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19 |
| 1/23—Saturday | Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21 |
| 1/24—Sunday | Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 |

SAINT FEAST DAYS

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| January 20 | Saint Sebastian, martyr |
| January 21 | Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr |
| January 22 | Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr |

Saint Sebastian

According to the many legends surrounding Sebastian, he was born in Gaul and raised in Milan. Though a Christian, he joined the imperial army at Rome about 283. He made converts of officials and jailers, effected cures and urged Christian prisoners to stay strong in their faith. He was named captain of the praetorian guards, but the emperor, upon finding out that he was a Christian, ordered his execution. Shot with arrows and left for dead, Sebastian survived and was nursed back to life. Later, he denounced the emperor for his cruelty to Christians, and the emperor had him beaten to death. A favorite subject of Renaissance artists, Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, soldiers and athletes. *Copyright © 2020, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.*