

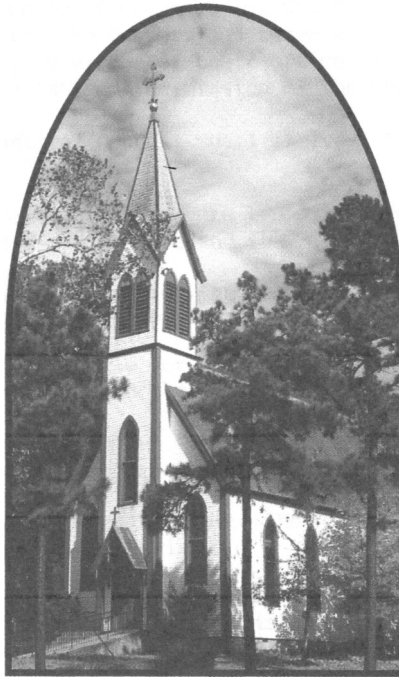
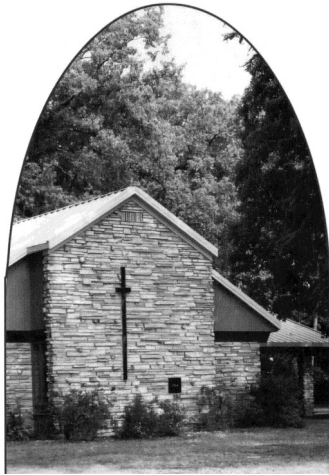
St. Boniface Catholic Church

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September 13th 2020—24th 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—4:30 p.m. St. Francis
Sunday—7:30 a.m. St. Boniface

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 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

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES, DIOCESE, AND COMMUNITY

MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE CEREMONY—On September 12 at 11 am, Bishop Taylor will invest St. Francis parishioner Chris Dorer and 45 other men with the Ministry of Acolyte as part of their formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Due to COVID guidelines, space is reserved for only candidates and a few guests, however the installation mass will be live-streamed via the Christ the King YouTube page. The link is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ChristtheKingCatholicChurchLR>

The Ministry of Acolyte is the final stage before ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The current candidates for diaconate are scheduled to be ordained June 2022. Instituted Acolytes take on a more visible role than the other offices (Candidate and Lector) in the journey towards the diaconate. Acolytes serve priests and deacons during Mass, can purify the sacred vessels, and expose the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for all of our Diocesan candidates for the Permanent Diaconate.

IHM KARNAWAL—Due to Covid-19, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Marche will not hold their annual Karnawal Midway. We will however still have our Polish Karnawal Dinner Curbside to Go on Friday, September 18th, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Parish Life Center parking lot, 7006 Jasna Gora Drive, North Little Rock. The dinner includes Polish sausage, gokie, fried chicken strips, spaghetti, buttered potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, and pierogies. Price is \$15 a plate, and \$55 family 4-pack. Meals will also be available for pickup at the following locations from 5 to 6 pm: St Jude the Apostle in Jacksonville, St Anne in North Little Rock, and St Joseph in Conway. First Come, First Served. Proceeds benefit the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. We appreciate your support.

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.

RCIA CANDIDATE INFORMATION—The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a formation process into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church including Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. It is both educational and spiritual, designed to develop the whole person into the Catholic faith. Please contact the St Boniface church office at 501.759.2371 by September 20th if you, a family member, or friend is interested in RCIA class this fall and becoming Roman Catholic. Please leave a message if no one is in the office.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY—The 2021 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping. Send your check or money order to: Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217. Directories will be shipped in late October.

THE DISCOVER YOUR STORY PROGRAM will begin Sunday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in the St. Boniface Office meeting space and is available for parishioners of the tri-parishes. This program is designed to assist you in identifying what role God is playing in your life and how to recognize His unfailing presence even amid hardships. Additionally, we will examine our Catholic faith and discuss suggestions for prayer, contemplation, and reflection to help better come to know the Lord's desire for us. The program will meet twice monthly and run from September until May 2021 and will be led by Deacon candidate Chris Dorer. All meetings will follow the DOLR's standards for COVID safety including social distancing, required masks, etc. Due to social distancing measures, space is limited. For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Chris at 501.454.4180, or email him at c_dorer81@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES, DIOCESE, AND COMMUNITY

The Debt We Owe:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today’s First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today’s Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won’t forgive a fellow servant’s debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can’t be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can’t expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we’re willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle, we are the Lord’s. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today’s Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn’t deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we’ve done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other’s faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020

He found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, “Pay back what you owe.”
-Mt 18:28

ST. BONIFACE

- The Discover Your Story program begins September 26th at 7:00 pm in the St. Boniface Office meeting space. All are invited and encouraged to attend. More information can be found in this bulletin.

ST. ELIZABETH

- No announcements

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE &
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 12

St. Francis 4:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
St. Francis 5:00 p.m. Mass—For all Parishes

Sunday, September 13—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Boniface 7:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—Conrad
Gunther Sr.+
St. Elizabeth 9:30 a.m. Adoration
10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass—Fr. Richard Davis+

Monday, September 14—No Mass

Tuesday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—Conrad
Gunther Sr.+

Wednesday, September 16—Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

St. Elizabeth 6:30 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Mass—Conrad
Gunther Sr.+

Thursday, September 17—No Mass

Friday, September 18—No Mass

St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, September 19

St. Francis 4:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
St. Francis 5:00 p.m. Mass—For all Parishes

Sunday, September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Boniface 7:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Mass—Conrad
Gunther Sr.+
St. Elizabeth 9:30 a.m. Adoration
10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass—Fr. Richard Davis+

SCRIPTURE READINGS

9/14—Monday Num 21:4-9;
Ps 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

9/15—Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31;
Ps 10:1B-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 2:33-35

9/16—Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31—13:13;
Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 AND 22;
Lk 7:31-35

9/17—Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11;
Ps 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28;
Lk 7:36-50

9/18—Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20;
Ps 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B AND 15;
Lk 8: 1-3

9/19—Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;
Ps 56:10C-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

9/20—Sunday Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16

SAINT FEAST DAYS

- September 14 Triumph of the Cross
- September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- September 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Prophecy of Simeon; Flight into Egypt; Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple; Meeting Jesus along the Way of the Cross; Crucifixion of Jesus; Descent from the Cross: Mary receives the body of Jesus in her arms; Burial of Jesus

“Mary sorrowing, Mother of all Christians, pray for the poor souls in purgatory. Blessed be the name of Mary!”

*O, Mary, help me to understand
the purpose of suffering in my life.*

Our Lady of Sorrows September 15

