

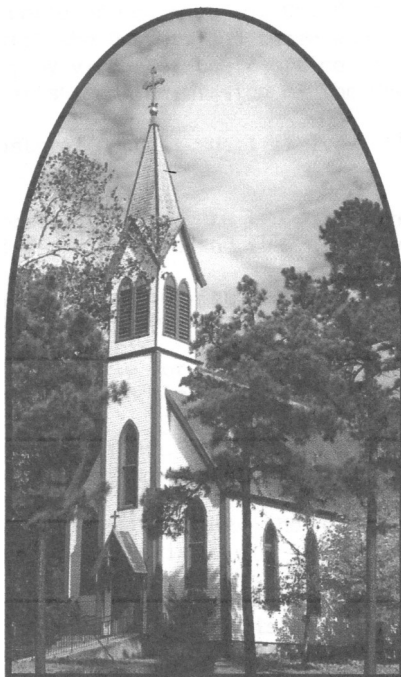
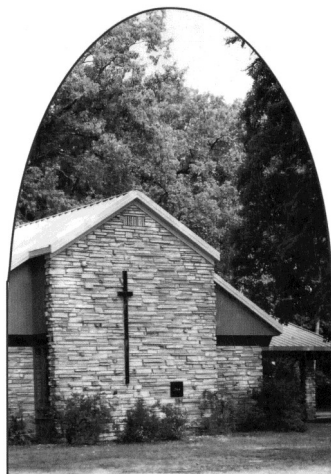
# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020—25<sup>th</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—4:30 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](mailto:triparishesbulletin@gmail.com)

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES, DIOCESE, AND COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTIONS—

St. Boniface \$ 44.00

St. Elizabeth \$ 0

St. Francis \$ 35.00



**ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL**— is Marriage Encounter in Spanish and is a program of 44 hours in which couples can leave work, children, housework, and telephone in order to focus only on each other. If you are looking to grow in your relationship, to make it more profound and to enrich it, then you will like the difference that a weekend of Worldwide Marriage Encounter can make in your lives. The next weekend will be held October 23-24 at St. John Center. For more information or registration, call 870-642-2256 or 773-213-9593. Registration deadline Monday, October 19, 2020.

**“SURVIVING DIVORCE” HELPING YOU FIND PEACE, POWER & PASSION AFTER YOUR DIVORCE**—

This group is open to any adult who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated, divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. In this video/discussion program, you will listen and learn from Catholic men and women who share their stories of finding help in coping with the devastating effects of divorce. Meeting On Line Mondays, October 5 - December 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

To register go to [WWW.CDOM.ORG](http://WWW.CDOM.ORG) and click online registrations - scroll to SURVIVING DIVORCE.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:c_dorer81@yahoo.com)

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.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES, DIOCESE, AND COMMUNITY

**First and Last:**

*Scott Hahn Reflects on the  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see [Isaiah 5:7; 27:2-5](#)).

Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel’s kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see [Psalm 80:9-20](#)). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see [Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5-10](#)).

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus’ parable of salvation history in today’s Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see [Ephesians 2:11-13](#)). In the Lord’s great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

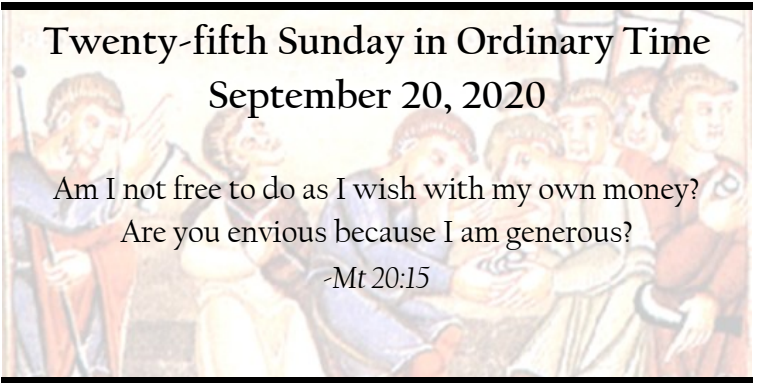
This provokes grumbling in today’s parable. Doesn’t the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the

older brother in Jesus’ prodigal son parable (see [Luke 15:29-30](#))? God’s ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today’s First Reading. And today’s readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God’s lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin.

But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard.

Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2020**

Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?  
Are you envious because I am generous?  
-Mt 20:15

**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.
- Beginning this week on September 22nd, Mass on Tuesdays will be at 6 pm.

**ST. ELIZABETH**

- Beginning this week on September 23rd, Mass on Wednesdays will be at 6 pm. and Adoration at 5:30 pm.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

- No announcements

## THIS WEEK

### LITURGY SCHEDULE & HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, September 19

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

#### Sunday, September 20—25<sup>th</sup> 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 21—No Mass

#### Tuesday, September 22

St. Boniface \*6:00 p.m. Mass—Conrad  
Gunther Sr.+

#### Wednesday, September 23—Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

St. Elizabeth \*5:30 p.m. Adoration  
\*6:00 p.m. Mass—Fr. Richard Davis+

#### Thursday, September 24—No Mass

#### Friday, September 25—No Mass

St. Boniface 8:00 a.m. Rosary

#### Saturday, September 26

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

#### Sunday, September 27—26<sup>th</sup> 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+

#### \*New Mass & Adoration Times

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[triparishesbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:triparishesbulletin@gmail.com)



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

9/21—Monday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;  
Mt 9:9-13

9/22—Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;  
Lk 8:19-21

9/23—Wednesday Prv 30: 5-9;  
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;  
Lk 9:1-6

9/24—Thursday Eccl 1:2-11;  
PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17BC;  
LK 9:7-9

9/25—Friday Eccl 3:1-11;  
Ps 144:1B & 2ABC, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

9/26—Saturday Eccl 11:9 - 12:8;  
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;  
Lk 9:43-45

9/27—Sunday Ez 18:25 - 28;Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;  
Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

### SAINT FEAST DAYS

September 21 Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

September 26 St. Cosmas and St. Damian, martyrs

Prayer on the feast day of St. Matthew

*God, You chose St. Matthew the Publican to become an Apostle.  
By following his example and benefiting by his prayers, may we  
always follow and abide by Your will. Amen.*

Hoeber, Rev. Hugo S.O.Cist., Ph.D. *Lives of the Saints*. 1955. New Jersey:  
Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1999. Print. p. 393.