



St. Boniface | St. Mary of the Assumption
 St. James the Less | St. John the Baptist

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
 St. James in St Paul
 Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov
 St. John in Houghton
 Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 St Mary in West Point

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
 St Boniface in Farmington



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024



St. James the Less Parish

Leading our community to follow Christ.



St. John the Baptist Parish

A welcoming community coming together for spiritual growth as we continue the mission of Christ.



Thank you to the families of Jerry Abolt and Louise Dingman for the memorials donated to our church, for repairs and the cemetery.

Thank You!

Also, our thanks to Marty and Mary Lou Bentler and their family for donating several truckloads of black dirt for filling in the low places around the Parish Center complex.



Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed

a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

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St. Mary Parish

A Eucharistic community sharing God's faith, hope and love. We strive through liturgy, sacraments, ministries, education and outreach to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our world.



St. Boniface Parish

A Eucharistic family working together to live in faith, pray with hope, trust in God's love and welcome all who seek His saving grace.



A big thank you to the Holy Trinity 6th grade students and Mrs. Peitz who planted the remaining Easter lilies around the church and school.

Catholic Faith

Question:

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?



Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

During May we will be pouring concrete for parking and walkways at the Monsignor JA Wagner Parish Center. This will briefly block the road entering the cemetery while it cures. We will share specific date information as soon as we can, please watch the bulletin, Facebook and the parish website for updated information. Thank you for your cooperation.



St. Boniface is planning to sell Strawberry Pies again the first weekend of June. Look for pricing and order information in the upcoming bulletins.

Religious Education Closing Ceremony



The religious education program for our 45 students has ended for the summer. Our dedicated teachers this year were Nicky Schwartz, Sheila Smith, Cindy DiPrima, Ronda Schinstock, Paula Azinger, Angie Syfert, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink, Anthony Schulte, and Liz Linnenbrink. Also, Angie Fransk subbed while the Deacon was out for surgery and Nicole Herdrich prepared our confirmation students to receive this beautiful sacrament. When you see one of these wonderful teachers, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

Thank you to Fareway in Fort Madison for their generous donation to our closing religious education party. Finally, thank you to all the family who were in attendance.



The youth of St. Boniface, St. James, St John and St. Mary were joined by the youth of St. Alphonsus for the blessed Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 28th. Immediately after Mass families were welcomed in to the Ossenbrink Center for refreshments and celebration.

Thank you to all who made the Confirmation Mass so special. A huge thank you to our teachers, Cortney Boylan and Nicole Herdrich. Also a big thank you to Mary Kay Lampe who organized the reception afterwards.



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UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

As of 4/24 the Diocese shows we have reached these percentages of our Annual Diocesan Appeal goals:

St. Boniface: 106.77% with 29 donations
 St. John: 85.00% with 42 donations
 St. Mary: 81.29% with 92 donations
 St. James: 62.04% with 35 donations

The diocese average is 100.35%
 The Burlington Deanery average is 97.33%

Congratulations to St. Boniface for meeting their pledge goal.

To make a pledge you can complete an envelope found in the back of church or you can scan the QR code below or go to <https://davenportdiocese.org/annual-diocesan-appeal>



Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-48/Psalms 98:1-4/ I John 4:7-10/John 15:9-17
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Psalms 149:1-9/ John 15:26—16:4
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Psalms 138:1-8/ John 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15-18:1/Psalms 148:1-14/ John 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Psalms 98:1-4/John 16:16-20
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-9/
 Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13/
 Mark 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Psalms 47:2-7/
 John 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Psalms 47:2-10/
 John 16:23-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalms 47:2-9/
 Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13/
 Mark 16:15-20
 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-26/
 Psalms 103:1-20/I John 4:11-16/
 John 17:11-19

AREA WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Saturdays

- 4:00 pm Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
- 4:30 p.m. Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. John
- 5:00 p.m. **St. James— St. Paul**
 (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
St John—Houghton
 (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, .Oct, Dec)
 Divine Mercy, Burl @ Sts Mary & Patrick
- 5:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Family, Montrose @ St. Joseph

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. **St. Mary's - West Point**
 Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. Paul
- 8:15 a.m. Divine Mercy, Dodgeville @ St Mary
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
- 9:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- 10:00 a.m. **St Boniface—Farmington**
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. John

Prayer Chains

- Bonnie Hunold, St. Boniface.....319-470-7067
- Kaye Conrad, St. James319-470-2257
- Florence Thompson, St. John.....319-931-1786
- Bess Walker, St. Mary..... 319-470-6045

Save The Date



St. Mary's along with the West Point Presbyterian Church will host the community picnic on Saturday, June 8th in the West Point Square. All are welcome to enjoy food, fellowship, fun and games.

Father Dan will be away on retreat from May 6th through May 12th, Father John Spiegel will substitute for the weekend Masses. Weekday Masses will be cancelled at St. Boniface, St. James and St. John's. The HTC Elementary Mass will be celebrated by Father Beckman that Wednesday at St. Mary's.



COMING SOON



May

- 6-12 Father Dan on retreat
- 12 Mother's Day-Muffins & Mimosa after 8AM Mass
- 13 Food Pantry Collection Ossenbrink Center SM
- 15 **Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30pm @ St. James Hall Date Change**
- 18 Fellowship after 5pm Mass @ St. James Hall
- 19 Pentecost Sunday
- 19 Holy Trinity Baccalaureate Mass @ Noon @ SM and Graduation @ 2pm
- 19 Central Lee High School Graduation
- 21 Eucharistic Adoration resumes 11am—noon 3 on 3 in WP 11am to 1pm
- 21 SM - End of the Month Meals @ St. John UCC FM
- 23 SJ - End of the Month Meals @ St. John UCC FM
- 27 Memorial Day (Parish Offices Closed)



June

- 1 Fort Madison High School Graduation
- 2 Celebrate the Feast of St. Boniface—Hospitality gathering after 10 AM Mass @ SB
- 3-5 Father Dan at June Institute –Diocese of Davenport
- 7 Houghton KC Fish Fry
- 8 Ecumenical Picnic in the West Point City Park
- 8-9 Food Pantry Collection in the Ossenbrink Center
- 16 Father's Day
- 18 3 on 3 in WP 11am to 1pm

July

- 4 Parish Offices Closed for Holiday
- 5 KC Fish Fry in Houghton
- 15 –19 Vacation Bible School In St. Paul
- 17-21 Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis



7 Tuesday

- 8:30 am St. James **No Mass**
- 6:00 pm St. Boniface **No Mass**

8 Wednesday

- 8:45 am St. Mary Richard Boeding

9 Thursday

- 8:30 am St. John **No Mass**

11 Saturday

- 5:00 pm St. James Thomas Holtkamp

12 Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Don Snaadt
- 10:00 a.m. St. Boniface Clyde Thompson Family



St. James - Saturday, May 11th @ 5:00pm

- Ushers: Gene Dingman, Mike Sporkman
- Servers: Jenna Hellman, Addison Menke
- Lector: Anne Menke
- Gift bearers: Kyle Dop Family
- E. Ministers: Larry Merschman, Laura Merschman, Brenda Sporkman
- Scrip: Jeanette Steffensmeier
- \$ Counters: Linda Menke, Donna Pieper

St. Mary - Sunday, May 12th @ 8:00 am

- Sacristan: Maureen Kieler
- Greeters: Don & Carol Hunold
- Ushers: Matthew & Jill Garmoe
- Servers: Ward & Julia Fraise
- Lector: Deina Merschbrock
- Gift Bearers: Mike & Cathy Salata
- E. Ministers: JoAnn Lampe, Ralph Kassmeyer, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink
- Streaming: Rebecca Hannum
- Scrip: JoAnn Lampe, Lynn Robu
- \$ Counters: Becky Fullenkamp, Deb Fullenkamp

St. Boniface-Sunday, May 12th @10:00 am

- Rosary: Kathy Bartholomew
- Greeters: Kathy Fett, Jan Tweedy
- Ushers: Bill Benjamin, Richard Breckenridge
- Server: Landon Burgess
- Lector: Kathy Fett
- Gift bearers: Dan Smith Family
- E. Ministers: Richard Breckenridge, Bette Burke, Ellen Meek
- \$ Counters: Mary Witting, Rita Smith

STEWARDSHIP

For the Week of April 27th & 28th

St. Boniface

Received: \$ 536 Budgeted: \$1,173
 Received this year: \$66,795 Budgeted this year: \$51,612

St. James the Less

Received: \$420 Budgeted: \$1,750
 Received this year: \$71,523 Budgeted this year: \$77,000

St. John The Baptist

Received: \$1,335 Budgeted: \$1,740
 Received this year: \$62,915 Budgeted this year: \$76,560

St. Mary of the Assumption

Received: \$2,293 Budgeted: \$ 2,115
 Received this year: \$152,692 Budgeted this year: \$93,060

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

First Saturday of the month

9:15am-10:15am at St James during odd # months
 at St John during even # months
 11am—Noon at St. Mary of the Assumption

First Sunday of the month

St. Boniface at 11:00am

Anytime by appointment with Father Dan.

Baptism: We welcome all to become adopted children of God. Please go to the parish website to complete the Baptism Request Form or contact the parish office to set a date and to register for Baptism Class if you have not done this in the past.

Marriage: For preparation, please go to the parish website to complete the Marriage request form or contact the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office if you would like Anointing of the Sick, a home visit and especially when you go into the hospital—often we are not notified.

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