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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



14th SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 7th 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are looking for kids to dive into this year's adventure in God's word at "Scuba" Vacation Bible School! This year's program will begin July 15th and end on July 19th, with closing ceremonies July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Sessions will be held from 8:30-11:30 in the morning in St. Paul. A bus will be available for transportation from the ECC in Fort Madison, Sunshine Daycare and HTC in West Point. Forms can be found online and in the back of church. Please complete one registration form per child and return to Dixie Booten, PO Box 68, West Point, IA 52656, with your \$20.00 registration fee (\$40.00 maximum per family) made out to St. Mary's by July 14th. Registration forms and payment may also be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. If you have any questions, please call Dixie at 837-6808 or 371-5043.

Thank you.

Save The Date



National Catholic Youth Conference 2025:

If you, or your son or daughter, will be a 9th—12th grade student in November of 2025. It is time to start thinking about NCYC 2025. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a three-day long conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana November 20-23, 2025, at the Lucas Oil Stadium and Indiana Convention Center. Sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, NCYC is a high-energy mountain-top experience of faith & the larger Church for high school youth.

Please watch the bulletin between now and Fall 2024 for more information and dates for informational/planning meetings.

Any questions can be directed to Deacon Mike Linnenbrink, Father Dan or Rebecca Hannum.

NCYC

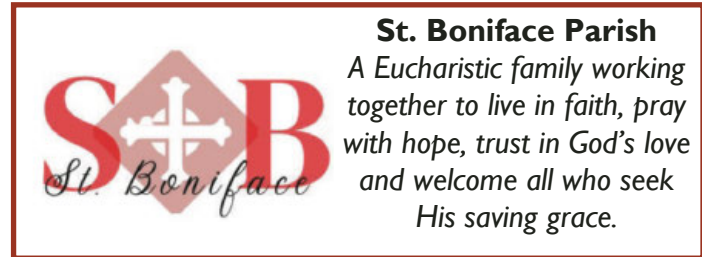
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St. Mary Parish

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.

The Parish Office in West Point will be closed Monday, July 22nd—Friday, July 26th, as we move from our current offices into the new parish offices. We will need Help moving boxes and a few other large items. Between now and then we would need some volunteers to help pack and to shred documents. If you can help please contact Rebecca



Welcome to the sign up for the St. Mary's Tent at the West Point Sweet Corn Festival 2024 event!

Continuing from last year, volunteer shifts sign up will be electronic. This opportunity allows any member of the parish to sign up for a time slot that works in your schedule for this event. You will receive electronic reminders of your sign-up time and can change your time if needed by accessing the link. If you need assistance with signing up, you can call or text Angie Box at 319-470-3327 or contact the Parish Office at 319-837-6808. Just scan the QR code below to sign up.



Saint Maria Goretti's

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization, 250,000, symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. The daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, she had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write.



When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class. On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger. Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer, and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack. Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

Sunday, August 18th St. Boniface will celebrate Mass at 8:00am trading with St. Mary of the Assumption who will have Mass at 10:00am. This Sunday Mass will be a celebration of the Feast of the Assumption. It will be followed by food and fellowship in the NEW Monsignor JA Wagner parish center. This will be an opportunity for parishioners from our family of parishes to celebrate this feast day and to see the new office location. We know anytime we change the usual schedule it can be a bit confusing, but we want to ensure that everyone, including, especially, Father Dan will be able to attend and changing the Mass schedule allowed this to happen. Please spread the word and MARK YOUR CALENDAR!





NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The 4 parish Family is participating in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage on **TUESDAY, July 9th**

Leave Houghton Park & Ride at 3:30 pm Stop at West Point Park and Ride @ 3:45 pm
Arrive in Quincy at the Church of St. Peter at approximately 5:00—5:15 pm

5:30pm - 6:30pm - Eucharistic Procession to the grave of Venerable Fr. Augustine Tolton

A Eucharistic Procession from the Church of St. Peter, 2600 Maine St Quincy, IL to the Grave of Venerable Fr. Augustine Tolton, 3400 Broadway St, on the anniversary of his death. At the grave of Venerable Fr. Augustine Tolton, we will pray Vespers and have final benediction.

Exit the Cemetery and load bus. Take bus to potluck location.

7:30-8:30pm Potluck & Witness with Q & A at St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church.

Join the parishioners of St. Francis Solanus Parish, 1721 College Ave, Quincy, IL 62301, for a potluck dinner and hear from the National Eucharistic Procession Team as they share their experiences and answer questions.

Event Instructions: Please bring an side dish or dessert to share.

8:30pm – 9:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration - St. Francis Solanus, Catholic Church in Quincy

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Francis Solanus in Quincy.

Leave Quincy at 9:30pm Arrive at WP Park & Ride at approximately 10:45pm and Houghton Park & Ride at 11:00pm

If you have not signed up please contact Deacon Mike Linnenbrink by end of Day Sunday July 7th.

If for health reasons you cannot attend the pilgrimage, please contact Mike or Rebecca for information on how you can support the pilgrimage in prayer!

Perpetual Pilgrim of the Week

While everyone is invited to walk with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage for short distances or join one of the many events scheduled along the way, only a few young adults will make the full journey to Indianapolis. We call them **Perpetual Pilgrims**.

This small, dedicated group will travel full-time from May until July 2024, accompanying Jesus as He draws near to countless communities across the nation on His way to the [10th National Eucharistic Congress](#).

Each week we will cover one of the perpetual pilgrims.



Madison Michel is a Minnesota native. She grew up near the Twin Cities alongside her younger brother and sister. She currently resides in Bemidji, MN where she is serving in her fourth year with FOCUS, one of the leading Catholic outreach organizations, as a campus missionary at Bemidji State University. She graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, IL with a double major in Spanish and Philosophy. In her free time she enjoys cross-country skiing, reading, and spending time outdoors. Madison was initially drawn to spend her summer participating in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage because she saw it as a unique opportunity to step into the shoes of the apostles and literally follow Jesus, watch him work, and learn from him on the way.



Happy Birthday to Kate Helling who turned 94 on July 7th.

Happy Birthday to Vera Boeding who turns 91 on June 30th.



GOSPEL MEDITATION — July 7, 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— *Father John Muir*

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

- Sunday: Ezekial 2:2-5/Psalms 123:1-4/
2 Corrinthians 12:7-10/Mark 6:1-6
- Monday: Hosea 2:16-22/Psalms 145:2-9/
Matthew 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-13/Psalms 115:3-10/
Matthew 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-12/Psalms 105:2-7/
Matthew 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hosea 11:1-9/Psalms 80:2-16/
Matthew 10:7-15
- Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 51:3-17/
Matthew 10:16-23
- Saturday: Isaih 6:1-8/Psalms 93:1-5/
Matthew 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Amos 7:12-15/Psalm 85:9-14/
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
Mark 6:7-13

AREA WEEKEND
MASS SCHEDULES

Saturdays

- 4:00 pm Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
St. Mary, Fairfield
- 4:30 pm Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. John
- 5:00 pm **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
- 6:00 pm St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- 6:00 pm Holy Family, Montrose @ St. Joseph

Sundays

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

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

COMING SOON



July

- 9 **Eucharistic Pilgrimage-Quincy—contact Deacon Mike to register!**
- 11 Finance Council Meeting
- 15 -19 Vacation Bible School In St. Paul
- 16 3 on 3 in WP 11am to 1pm
- 17-21 Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (Deacon Mike Linnenbrink & Father Dan Dorau out of office)
- 21 Donut Sunday in Ossenbrink Center
- 22-26 **WP Parish Office Closed for Move to new building**
- 23 SM End of the Month Meals @ St John UCC-FM
- 25 SJ End of the Month Meals @ St John UCC-FM
- 28 Encounter Mass @ 5:00pm followed by a dinner



August

- 8-11 **West Point Sweet Corn Festival**
- 18 **Celebration of the Assumption of Mary and New Building Open House.**
- 25 **Mass in the Grass—Indian Lake Stone Lodge with Lunch following 10am Mass.**

September

- 4-7 **Tri State Rodeo**
- 22 **St. Boniface Fall Dinner**
- 28 **St. John's Harvest Festival**

October

- 5 **St. James God's Acre Sale**
- 12 **St. Mary's Fall Festival**



9 Tuesday

- 8:30 am St. James Mark Pieper
- 6:00 pm St. Boniface NO MASS— PILGRIMAGE

10 Wednesday

- 8:30 am St. Mary Debbie Lampe

11 Thursday

- 8:30 am St. John Bob & Evie Pieper

13 Saturday

- 5:00 pm St. James Kevin Shelman

14 Sunday

- 8:00 am St. Mary Larry Strayer
- 10:00 am St. Boniface Robert Wenke



St. James - Saturday, July 13th @ 5:00 pm

- Ushers: Larry Menke, Ron Overberg
- Servers: Nick Menke, Lauren Schwartz
- Lector: Laura Merschman
- Gift Bearers: Alan Menke Family
- E. Ministers: Joan Steffensmeier, Linda Menke, Judy Sanders
- Scrip: Megan Scheer
- \$ Counters: Sandy Mohfeld, Donna Pieper
- ### St. Mary - Sunday, July 14th @ 8:00 am
- Sacristan: Becky Moran
- Greeters: Nate & Nick Booten
- Ushers: Matthew & Jill Garmoe
- Servers: Ward & Julia Fraise
- Lector: Deina Merschbrock
- Gift bearers: Mike & Cathy Salata
- E. Ministers: Becky Moran Ralph Kassmeyer, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink
- Scrip: JoAnn Lampe, Lynn Robu
- Streaming: Sara Boeding
- \$ Counters: Mike Salata, Becky Fullenkamp, Bruce Wellman

St. Boniface - Sunday, July 14th @ 10:00 am

- Rosary: Kathy Bartholomew
- Greeters: Ellen & Mark Meek
- Ushers: Bill Benjamin, Richard Breckenridge
- Server: Bo Herdrich & Owen Burgess
- Lector: Bette Burke
- Gift bearers: Craig Witting, Bette Burke
- E. Ministers: Kathy Bartholomew, Mark Meek & Julie Roth
- \$ Counters: Randy Clennan & Todd Herdrich

STEWARDSHIP

For the Week of June 29th and 30th

**No Information or updated
FY 2025 Budget
yet available at time of publication.**

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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