

**Saint Boniface Catholic Church  
Mission Statement**

**Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.**



**Saturday, January 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas)**  
5:00 PM—Robert Kurowski (D) - Req. by Family  
**Sunday, January 29**  
8:30 AM—Deceased Members of the Schloss/Francis Family  
11:00 AM—Bob Staniec (D) - Req. by DeMent Family  
**Saturday, February 4**  
5:00 PM—Grace Brooks (D) - Req. by Husband  
**Sunday, February 5**  
8:30 AM—Richard Browne (D) - Req. by Friend  
11:00 AM—Dolores Domke (D) - Req. by Walshs



**January 22, 2012**

Sunday.....	\$ 2458.00
Children's Envelopes.....	26.00
Church in Latin America.....	1109.00
Sunday, A Year Ago.....	2513.00

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our Parish. May God bless all of you!

**NOT WITHOUT LOVE**

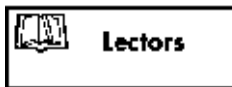
The soul cannot live without love.  
—St. Francis de Sales

**LEADERS**

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.  
—Anonymous



**February 5**  
5:00 PM—C. Dancer, M.A. Deutsche, C. Domke, D. Domke  
8:30 AM—M. Otten, E. Bogs, T. Bogs-Haser, A.. Otten  
11:00 AM—T. Kwiatkowski, B. Mackey, N. Nelson, M. Phalen



**February 5**  
5:00 PM—J. McCarthy  
8:30 AM—J. Lehnerer  
11:00 AM—T. Sheehan



**February 5**  
5:00 PM—S. Porpora/J. Wroblicky  
8:30 AM—G./A. Esquivel  
11:00 AM—D./J. Lecik

**Jesus taught with authority**



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
Tuesday: St. John Bosco  
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day  
Friday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats; First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2012**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

### FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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### OUR FUTURE...

We look at our children or grandchildren, even ourselves, and wish that we can one day make a change in the world; do something right or even brilliant, but it doesn't always happen. This past weekend St. Boniface Parish caught a glimpse of the future...and it looks very promising. We are referring to one of our **8th grade students, Sydney Porpora**, who wanted to do something that is near and dear to her, and came to our Deacon Mark Otten, to see if we could help her. Sydney is only 14 years old, too young to be the traditional 'pink crusader' and walk for "Breast Cancer" research, but with the help of her mom, Michele, dad, and even little sisters, she held a bake sale of sorts in back of the church last weekend. They baked and decorated 168 cupcakes, sold them for one dollar a piece, and collected \$391.00 after the three Masses. This will be sent to the 'Avon Walk for Breast Cancer' and all of you that purchased one or more of their delicious cupcakes, helped Sydney achieve what she set out for, and a whole future of even more great things to come. **We are so proud of you, Sydney. You rock girl!!!** Pledge forms are clipped on the bulletin board, as well as on-line info to make a pledge. Thanks!

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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### HELLO, FR. BURKE MASTERS!

This weekend we again welcome Fr. Burke Masters, as he joins us at all three Masses! He has been a joy to work with, and we are grateful that he is able to help us out once again. God bless!



### JUST A REMINDER...

Next Friday, February 3rd, the Knights of Columbus will have their annual "Spaghetti Dinner", at St. Boniface. Serving hours are 5:00—8:00 p.m., tickets are available at the door and carry outs are also available!

### REFLECTION QUESTION

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?