

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**THE REV. FRED MANN** is officiating today in celebration of his **40th anniversary** as a priest. Fred was ordained on December 29, 1978 and has served large and small parishes in Florida, Indiana, and Missouri. He and Denise came to St. Boniface in 2012 where he has been active as an assisting member of the clergy.

**YEAR-END GIFTS** Tomorrow, December 31, is the last day to complete your **2018** pledge or to make a gift to St. Boniface Church for it to be reflected in this tax year. For convenient, secure giving, visit our website ([www.bonifacechurch.org](http://www.bonifacechurch.org)), or stop by the church office 9:00a-2:00p.

### ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE IN DEPTH** Study and discussion with a member of our clergy at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.

**FAITH and FOUNDATIONS** To better learn about our Episcopal and Anglican heritage, sacraments, liturgies, and theologies of the church, join us for Faith and Foundations. The format includes lecture, sharing in groups, and opportunities to practice. Lifelong Episcopalians or new to the church—all are welcome! *We will take a holiday break and resume in January.*

**January 6 & 13:** Church history and an introduction to the Reformation with Dr. Carrie Benes, Ph.D.

**BONIFACE BOOK STUDY GROUP** takes a holiday break and will resume January 6 at 9:00 a.m. We will continue with Chapter 10 from *The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything*.

**SEASONAL COMMUNION STATION** Today at the 10:00 service, communion will be brought to those seated in the back bays – the ushers will guide you.

**SUNDAY NURSERY** Childcare is available for our youngest parishioners (through 2 years old) in the Nursery, located along the Courtyard, with Ms. Yu Ya, our licensed, professional caregiver.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. A friendly greeter at the Welcome Table can direct you and your child to the classroom. The children return to their parents in church just before communion. *Today, Church School takes a break and resumes January 6.*

**TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY** We gratefully list on our honor roll all who have responded with their pledge for 2019. If you have not yet pledged, please do so today! Additional pledge info and materials are available in the church entry, the church office and on our website (click on the Give tab).

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS** Join us for worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Church, social time/catered dinner at 6:00 in the Community Center, (for dinner reservations, please sign up at Coffee Hour or call 941-349-5616 x5 by noon the Tuesday before, \$10pp), then programs after dinner:  
**January 2:** 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, *no dinner or program*  
**January 9:** White Elephant Gift Exchange - Bring a silly wrapped gift as we celebrate Epiphany

**BE SURE YOU'RE IN THE PICTURE!** Lifetouch, Inc. professional photographers will be back January 28 – February 1 taking more photos for our parish pictorial directory! Make your portrait appointment **this morning** at Coffee Hour or by calling the church office. *There is no obligation* to purchase anything. Each household photographed receives a free copy of the church directory. If you will not be here for the week of the photos and want to be in the directory, please contact parishioner Alice Reid ([seattlealice@gmail.com](mailto:seattlealice@gmail.com) or 206-571-6393).

**WATERCOLOR SHOW AND SALE** Join the Watercolor Group on Sunday, **January 6** for a special coffee hour to celebrate their Winter Exhibit. Meet the artists, watch an artist's demo and view these all new and original artworks! Most pieces are for sale. Thanks to the generosity of the artists, a portion of each sale is donated to support our ministries at St. Boniface. Works will be on display in the Parish Hall through March. *For further information about the St. Boniface Watercolor Group or the paintings in the Parish Hall, please contact Jane Aguillard, (941)927-8442 or [janeaguillard@comcast.net](mailto:janeaguillard@comcast.net).*

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** If you are seeking some peaceful, reflective time in your life, consider being a part of this prayer group. Give yourself the gift of an hour of prayer and sharing. The group meets in the Healing Mission on Thursday, **January 10** at 11:00 a.m. and on Sunday, **January 13** at 11:45 a.m. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

**COMPASSIONATE CONVERSATIONS** Once per month during season, we will take time to learn more about and pray for the things in the world that grieve God and grieve us – globally, nationally, and locally – and how our faith informs our responses. The format includes an informative presentation with small group discussions, learning how to talk with love about difficult topics. Please join us for our next topic of conversation, Race, in the Community Center on Sunday, **January 13**, after the 10:00 service.

**ADAMANT MUSIC SCHOOL CONCERT** Seven talented pianists will perform well-loved selections of classical music, from Bach, Chopin, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Albeniz, and Bonis. The concert is a fund-raiser (freewill offering) for the Adamant Music School, a small but prestigious piano school in Vermont. For more information on the school visit [www.adamant.org](http://www.adamant.org). Mark your calendars, Sunday, **January 13**, 4:00 p.m., here at St. Boniface Church.

**CÍRCULO ESPAÑOL** All are welcome to our Conversational Spanish Group! We gather in a relaxed setting with others - there are no books, no tests, and no homework. We all just want to improve and refresh the ability that we have in the language and help one another in doing so. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. in the Library **beginning January 16**. For more information contact Mary Gordon, (941)923-2302.

**HIKES & PRAYERS** Join Fr. Jonathan and Fr. Fred Mann on this outdoor ministry! Meeting at Myakka State Park, we will lead through a gentle hike (about a mile), stopping at various points to do the liturgy together. Not a challenging walk, but be sure to bring your walking shoes and water. A very family friendly event and great way for us to enjoy God's creation! Saturday, **January 19**, 4:00 p.m. Please sign up by contacting the Church Office, 941-349-5616.

**SPECIAL SPEAKER JANUARY 20** Join us in the Community Center after the 10:00 service with registered dietician Rebecca Henson. Ms. Henson teaches people to health up their lifestyle in fun, delicious ways, with the mission to help as many people as possible achieve their perfect weight and their best health.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY's** newest community, Hammock Place, is now under construction! And there's a role for you in helping working local families achieve their dream of moving into a home of their own. □ Join in the St. Boniface Build Day on January 19. Or volunteer on-site Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturday mornings. □ Donate to our St. Boniface Build Day (payable to St. Boniface with "Habitat" on the memo line). □ Early mornings with hammer in hand not your calling? Share your people skills interviewing prospective homeowners, teaching basic budgeting classes or mentoring future homeowners. To learn more contact parishioner Steve Reid ([stevereid4@gmail.com](mailto:stevereid4@gmail.com) or 206-571-6392).

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** The St. Boniface office will be open 9:00 to 1:00 on New Year's Eve; we will be closed New Year's Day.

## THIS WEEK

OFFICE: hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and by appointment.

HEALING MISSION: Open Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

**MONDAY, December 31**

**TUESDAY, January 1**

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**WEDNESDAY, January 2**

5:30 p.m. Eucharist - Church

**THURSDAY, January 3**

9:00 a.m. Watercolor Group – St. Francis

10:00 a.m. Eucharist - Church

**FRIDAY, January 4**

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Discussion –Serving Spoon, Osprey Ave.