

### Servers and Readers

If you would be interested in serving please contact Bob Soph at 828-494-4859. If you cannot attend your scheduled assignment, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Call Bob Soph, 828-494-4859. Thank you, to all those who assist, it is greatly appreciated.

DATE	DAY	USHER	SERVER	READER
22 December	Saturday	R. Jabaley	B. Soph	K. Belongie
23 December	Sunday	P. Winne	S. Jabaley	C. Jabaley
24 December	Monday	B. Soph	M. Regan	P. Regan
25 December	Tuesday	D. Wirtz	MJ Uhlik	B. Soph
29 December	Saturday	M. Belongie	K. Belongie	K. Jabaley
30 December	Sunday	D. Pierman	B. Soph	K. Vroman
1 January	Tuesday	B. Soph	M. Regan	P. Regan
4 January	Friday		M. Regan	B. Soph
5 January	Saturday	M. Belongie	W. Mitchell	K. Belongie
6 January	Sunday	D. Wirtz	MJ Uhlik	P. Kirch
12 January	Saturday	R. Scherrer	R. Jabaley	B. Soph
13 January	Sunday	D. Pierman	P. Winne	K. Vroman
19 January	Saturday	M. Belongie	W. Mitchell	K. Belongie
20 January	Sunday	B. Soph	M. Regan	D. Rearick
26 January	Saturday	R. Scherrer	K. Belongie	Su. Jabaley

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS**

### St. Catherine Laboure' Catholic Church December 22 & 23, 2018



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#### Mass Schedule

Sunday	9:00 AM throughout year with Rosary at 8:25 AM 6:00 PM Mass in Spanish
Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM
Holy Days	6:30 PM on Holy Day except Christmas
Weekdays	<b>9:00 AM Tuesday through Friday (not Monday or Saturday)</b>
Morning Prayer	8:40 AM Tuesday through Friday
First Fridays	Holy Hour & Benediction following 9 AM Mass
At the conclusion of each Mass, there will be 3 Hail Marys for Priests.	
<b>Confessions</b>	In the confessional by the sanctuary
Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM
Sunday	8:15 AM to 8:45 AM
St. Anthony of Padua, Blue Ridge	1 hour before Mass time

#### Visitors & New Parishioners

**Welcome visitors** to our parish family of St. Catherine Laboure' and please sign our guest book. We wish you safe travels on your journey. If you wish to be a **registered member of St. Catherine Laboure'**, we invite you to do so by phone or email. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. Also available in the back of the Church is a book of prayer intentions. Anyone with a prayer intention can write their request in the book and our church community will pray for those intentions.

#### Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following: Sandra Jones, Pam Wirtz, Carol Messina, Felix Rivera, Barbara Ruttinger, Helen Passantino, Vera Zielinski, Mary Arp, Jacqueline Poirier, Mary Hughes, Holly Uhlik, Debbie Mitchell, Jane Phillips, Jan Ptak, Peggy Sinanian, Jack Schlacter, Mike Fanelli, Milton Rearick, Carol James, Del Pierman, Rick Wise, Linda Kauffman and all others sick or homebound.

Date	Description
12/24/2018	Mass @ 9PM (Choir Starts singing @ 08:15PM)
12/25/2018	Mass @ 9AM (English)
12/25/2018	Mass @ 11AM (Spanish)
12/26 thru 12/28	No Daily Mass
1/06	Epiphany Brunch

### Bulletin Notices

Church bulletins should be sent to [Pat@Oregansinc.com](mailto:Pat@Oregansinc.com) by Tuesdays at 5PM

### Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed each Sunday @ 8:25AM

### Mass of Reparation

Starting October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday) and all following Wednesday's there will be a Mass of Reparation for the forgiveness of sin.

### Epiphany Brunch

We will be celebrating Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, 2019, with a breakfast brunch following the 9AM Mass. This is always a great get together, and we will be doing our adult "gift exchange" or white elephant with gifts not to exceed \$10.00.

## The Deacon's Corner

### The Legend of the Christmas Tree

What would Christmas be like without that decorated fir tree in the house? But where did the custom of the Christmas tree come from? Pine trees certainly were not present in Oriental Bethlehem when Jesus was born, but there were palm trees which grew in the East. So why not decorate a palm tree?

The Christmas tree has an ancient history...and it began with as a pagan custom until Saint Boniface, an Englishman who lived in the eighth century felt called to evangelize the German nation. At that time one of the pagan German gods was a great oak tree called "Thunder Oak" in honor of the god Thor. Every winter, the locals offered a sacrifice to Thor, usually a young child or an infant under this mighty oak.

One year, fired in holy anger, Boniface decided to do away with this barbaric custom and with great courage showed up at the oak with an ax just in time to prevent the killing. Before the astonished revelers, he lifted his ax and began to hack away at the massive trunk of the oak.

Legend has it that suddenly a miraculous gust of wind came and pushed the tree down after the first few blows of the ax. Those present were truly impressed that the "god" didn't strike down the priest, but the mighty oak, the pagans accepted the Christianity St. Boniface brought to them.

As the giant oak collapsed, standing next to it was a small fir tree that somehow escaped destruction. Pointing to it, the holy man said:

*"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight.*

*It is the wood of peace...*

*It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green.*

*See how it points up to heaven.*

*Let the tree be called the tree of the Christ-child;  
gather about it, not in the wild woods, but in your own homes;*

*there it will shelter no deeds of blood,*

*but loving gifts and rites of kindness.*

So as you gather around the Christmas tree this year, share not only the joy of the birth of our Savior, but the holy origins of the tree with your family and friends, that they may not only love its lights and decorations, but also the rich Catholic heritage that is theirs.

May the joys of the Christmas tree brighten your homes...Deacon Loris

God Bless...Deacon Loris