

Sunday, December 3 – English Second Collection

Parish Breakfast, 7:30a to 12n, SBH.
 Choir practice, 11a, Cathedral Tower Room.
 Confirmation Classes, 11:15a to 1:20p, EC.
 Compline Service, 7p, Cathedral Church.

Monday, December 4

Adult Study, 6:30 to 8p, CH.
 Start of Our Lady of Guadalupe novena, 5p, Cathedral.

Tuesday, December 5

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7p, SBH.

Wednesday, December 6

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 Religious Education Reconciliation Centers (Family Activity), 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 High School Movie Night, 6 to 7:30p, Youth Room.

Thursday, December 7

RCIA Classes (English), 6 to 7:30p, CH.
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 Religious Education Reconciliation Centers (Family Activity), 6 to 7:30p, EC.

Friday, December 8

Religious Education, 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 Religious Education Reconciliation Centers (Family Activity), 6 to 7:30p, EC.

Saturday, December 9**Sunday, December 10**

Parish Breakfast and Advent Talk, 9 to 11:30a, CH.
 Choir practice, 11a, Cathedral Tower Room.
 Confirmation Classes, 11:15a to 1:20p, EC.
 Baptism Class (English), 1 to 3p, CH.

Monday, December 11

**No 4:30 Confessions and No 5:30 Spanish Mass –
 Deanery Holy Hour**
 Adult Study, 6:30 to 8p, CH.
 Holy Rosary to Begin Festival of Guadalupe, 10:30p, Cathedral.

Tuesday, December 12

Feast of Guadalupe Celebrations.
 See Announcement below for details.

Wednesday, December 13

Ladies of the Holy Mother Christmas Gathering, 6-8p, CH.
 Religious Education (First Reconciliations for second year First Communion students), 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 Middle School Youth Group, 6 to 7:30p, Youth Room.

Thursday, December 14

RCIA Classes (English), 6 to 7:30p, CH.
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6 to 7:30p, EC.
 Religious Education (First Reconciliations for second year First Communion students), 6 to 7:30p, EC.

Friday, December 15

Religious Education (First Reconciliations for second year First Communion students), 6 to 7:30p, EC.

Saturday, December 16 – Spanish Second Collection

Baptisms (Spanish) 11a, Cathedral Church.
 Start of traditional Mexican Posadas (ends Dec. 24), 6p, Cathedral.

Sunday, December 17 – Spanish Second Collection

Parish Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30a, SJH.
 Choir practice, 11a, Cathedral Tower Room.
 Confirmation Classes, 11:15a to 1:20p, EC.

Monday, December 18**Tuesday, December 19****Wednesday, December 20**

NO Religious Education.

Thursday, December 21

NO Religious Education.

Friday, December 22

NO Religious Education.

Saturday, December 23**Sunday, December 24**

Choir practice, 11a, Cathedral Tower Room.

Monday, December 25

**Merry Christmas!
 Office Closed**

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

NO Religious Education.

Thursday, December 28

NO Religious Education.

Friday, December 29

NO Religious Education.

Saturday, December 30**Sunday, December 31**

Choir practice, 11a, Cathedral Tower Room.
NO Confirmation Classes.

Monday, January 1

**Happy New Year!
 Office Closed**

Tuesday, January 2

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3**Thursday, January 4**

RCIA Classes (English), 6 to 7:30p, CH.
 RICA Classes (Spanish), 6 to 7:30p, EC.

Friday, January 5

Salad Luncheon, 11a to 1p, SBH.

Saturday, January 6**Sunday, January 7**

Epiphany Festival, 11a to 3:30p, CH.
 Compline Service, 7p, Cathedral Church.

CH: Cathedral Hall

EC: Epiphany Center

SBH: Saint Boniface Worship Site Hall

ECG: Epiphany Center Gym

SJH: Saint Joseph Worship Site Hall

Dates for the January newsletter must be submitted to the office by Wednesday, December 13, or they will not be included on the January calendar.

Parish Office Closure

In observation of the Christmas holiday, the parish office will be closed Monday, 25 December and Tuesday, 26 December. In observation of the New Year holiday, the office will be closed Monday, 1 January and Tuesday, 2 January. **Masses on December 26, and January 1 & 2 will not be affected.** On behalf of all Cathedral Clergy and Staff, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

RCIA/RICA

The RCIA Christmas break begins 21 December, with classes recommencing January 4.

Religious Education/Confirmation

The Religious Education & Confirmation Christmas break begins December 20, with classes recommencing January 10.

Youth Group

All High Schoolers are invited to a Movie Night from 6:00-7:30 on December 6 in the Youth Room. Youth in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to Middle School Youth Group on December 13 for games, a meal, and prayer!

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The novena will begin on Dec. 4 and continue until Dec. 12. The Rosary will be prayed daily from Dec. 4-10 at 5p in the Cathedral. On Dec. 11, the Rosary will begin at 10:30p. with the offering of roses at 11p. Mañanitas with mariachi will begin at 12m Dec. 12 in the Epiphany Center gym. Adoration will begin at 9a and end at 6p (with a break for 12n Mass), the Rosary at 5:30p, and Mass at 6p in the Cathedral. A celebration in the Epiphany Center gym will follow at 7p.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate one of the churches for Christmas, please call Carla in the parish office. Poinsettias may be donated anonymously or in honor of a loved one and may be taken home after the season.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

If you have not completed and returned your DAA pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive a DAA packet, please call or email Carla at 255.1637 x. 104 or ckramper@sccathedral.org.

Second Sunday of Advent Parish Breakfast and Talk

The parish is hosting a breakfast in the Cathedral Hall on the Second Sunday of Advent to promote fellowship and a greater understanding of the season. This free-will offering breakfast will include biscuits & gravy, French toast, eggs, sausage, and other breakfast favorites. Fr. Lingle will give a talk about Advent at 11a. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the establishment of the perpetual adoration chapel.

Traditional Mexican Posadas

On December 16th we will start the traditional Mexican posadas which will continue for 9 days, until December 24th at 6:00 PM. We will begin with the Holy Rosary in the Cathedral and then do the traditional asking for posada, ending in the gymnasium of the Epiphany Center. There we will have candy for the kids and hopefully hot bread and pizza or some other food for the adults. We will announce these events at the Masses the next two Sundays and will have lists for people who would like to help bringing candy or something to eat during the posadas.

First Sunday Breakfast at S. Boniface Worship Site

There will be no first Sunday breakfast at the Saint Boniface worship site on January 7th due to the parish Epiphany Festival.

Ladies of the Holy Mother Christmas Gathering

The Ladies are having their monthly meeting and Christmas potluck on 13 December from 6-8p in the Cathedral Hall. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange!

REMINDER!

As locks get changed at the Ss. Boniface and Joseph worship sites, extant keys will no longer function. If you need access to a parish-owned building, please visit the office to submit a request for review.

NOTICE!

A recent audit of our weekly contributions has revealed that there has been a large drop off in giving from parishioners at the Ss. Boniface and Joseph worship sites. As a result, families who have not used their contribution envelopes during the last 90 days will not receive envelopes for 2018. If you do not receive envelopes via the mail in December and believed you were removed from the mailing in error, please call the office at 712.255.1637.

Tuition Assistance for BHCS Students

Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools needs your help now. How? By submitting a payment of cash, stock, or grain to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation you can reduce your Iowa and IRS income tax burden by 80% of your payment, or more. It reduces the taxes you owe or increases your refund in April. With stock prices at record highs, this is a perfect time to transfer stock, and not pay taxes on the gain! Email Timm Funk with questions at tim.funk@bishopheelan.org. Give online today at <https://sdiocese.org/mltf> or Call us for a Gift Form: 712.252.1350

Heelan Madrigal

The Bishop Heelan High School Music Department will present the annual Madrigal Dinner Thursday- Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at Nativity Parish Center at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Heelan King and Queen Miles Patton and Maggie Moeller will preside over a royal court and a lavish event of wandering minstrels, jesters and troubadours. Over 100 Heelan music students will perform while dinner is served. Reservations are \$20 per person and must be paid at Heelan High School in advance. Reservations start Dec. 1 Email questions to heelanchristmas@gmail.com.

UNBOUND Update

Fr. Hackenmueller wished to extend his thanks to the parish for the 79 sponsorships of children, youths, and the elderly that were pledged during his and Fr. Anthony Nguyen's visit in November. These individuals' futures have suddenly become brighter, unbound from the constraints of poverty. Of the program, Fr. Hackenmueller says, "be assured that your parish will be greatly blessed as you come to experience the mutual benefit of sponsorship. Those we sponsor are gifts, a form of grace, for they help unbind us from an overattachment to our own needs and resources." You can still become a sponsor by using the UNBOUND handout from the November visit or by visiting unbound.org.

Youth Ministry Volunteers

We are in need of young adult or adult volunteers to help with Middle School and High School Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. We are also in need of food sponsors to bring a meal or snacks once a month. Contact Karmen Darwin for more information.