



# Centered on Christ Catholic Community

**MARY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION – ROCKVILLE  
ST BONIFACE – COLD SPRING  
SAINT JAMES – JACOBS PRAIRIE  
SAINTS PETER & PAUL - RICHMOND**

# A Place Where You Belong

- We are made up of four parishes and two schools collaborating to form missionary disciples on fire for Christ.
- A rich Benedictine history, transitioned to the Diocese.
- At Centered on Christ, we are building a culture of unceasing prayer, active discipleship, and healthy teamwork to become an amazing Catholic Community.
- A community where all are welcome.



# St Boniface Cold Spring

1,550 Households  
4,401 Parishioners

Saint Boniface has been a pillar in the community since 1878.

4<sup>th</sup> largest parish in the Diocese

Two Diaconate Candidates

# Saints Peter & Paul Richmond

813 Households  
1,850 Parishioners

A childcare center

Incorporated in 1856

Has a steeple almost as  
high as heaven

One Diaconate Candidate





# Mary of the Immaculate Conception Rockville

Incorporated in 1912

Parish Center addition built in 1991  
Front entry addition built in 2009

306 Households  
689 Parishioners

One Seminarian –  
Thomas Dockendorf

# St James Jacobs Prairie

148 Households  
298 Parishioners

Incorporated in 1856

The oldest parish west of  
the Mississippi

A rich history deep in faith



**Mission Statement:** We exist to spread the gospel message of Jesus and to foster the spiritual and academic development of the students enrolled at St. Boniface.

# SCHOOLS



## **Saint Boniface Catholic School:**

- 233 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 29 staff members.
- Originally built in 1916.
- St Boniface school system was started in 1916 was staffed with Benedictine Sisters.



## **Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School:**

- 109 students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade and 16 staff members.
- In 1906, the Benedictine Sisters came to teach in the Saints Peter & Paul School.

We work together and have one principal for both schools that we share.



# Assumption Community

Currently transitioning to Benedictine sponsorship



Nursing Home

Built 1963 by  
Fr. Elmer Eisenschenk



Asher House

Encompasses a 70 bed Nursing Home, Memory Care Assisted Living Facility, Assisted Living Apartments, and subsidized living apartments.



Assumption  
Court



John Paul  
Apartments



# Grasshopper Chapel Hill

- ▶ The Assumption Chapel, otherwise known as Grasshopper Chapel, is nestled among towering trees of the countryside that overlook Cold Spring, Minnesota. As a religious landmark, Assumption Chapel is visited by thousands of people each year who revel in the tranquility, beauty, and mystique of the grounds.
- ▶ After years of reconstruction, the Assumption Grasshopper Chapel remains in existence today. Celebration Masses, weddings, and other events take place throughout the year so everyone can experience the chapel as they please.
- ▶ In 1877, within the course of 24 hours, millions of grasshoppers destroyed the grain crops of farmers in the area. Also, honeycombed the countryside with eggs that hatched the following spring. It was, devastation beyond measure. The people of Cold Spring prayed for 15 years to get rid of the grasshoppers.



# Ministries

## Adult Discipleship

- ▶ RCIA
- ▶ Services (mission abroad and local)
- ▶ Enrichment events
- ▶ Retreats, Pilgrimages, & small groups
- ▶ Friends in Faith outreach ministry
- ▶ Eucharistic Adoration at all parishes.

## Children Discipleship

- ▶ Grades 1-5
- ▶ 11 Volunteer Catechists
- ▶ 107 children registered
- ▶ Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sundays – 20 to 25 children)
- ▶ First Reconciliation & First Communion (76 children)
- ▶ Vacation Bible School (49 children)

## Teen Discipleship

- ▶ There are 103 students that attend 6-8th grade Discipleship classes
- ▶ In 2024, 110 students will be confirmed.
- ▶ Three grades will participate in Confirmation (2025)
- ▶ Administering an effective and comprehensive ministry program for youth in grades 6-12
- ▶ On March 22-24, some of the youth and two adults will be attending Castaway Retreat in Detroit Lakes.
- ▶ June 23-29th, twenty-two youth and six adults will be going on the Mission Trip to Fort Collins, Colorado



# Things We Have Accomplished as an ACC



## ACC Share:

Directory

Quarterly Events

Bulletin

Website

Management  
office at SB



## Annual ACC Picnic

Bringing the  
communities  
together

Eucharistic Bike  
Rally Event



## ACC Pastoral Planning Committee

Pastoral Council

Separate Parish  
Finance/advisory  
committees



Deacon Larry's  
weekly reflection  
Fr. LeRoy's Cabin  
Fever



Shared Lectors  
Share all Holy  
Week Masses

# Things we have accomplished as an ACC

Four Parish Leaders– Fr LeRoy Scheierl and Fr Joe Herzing

Parish Mass times: All Masses are live streamed / very important to the nursing home / Mass times are going very well

- Two Saturday Night Masses – 4:00 and 5:00 pm
- Four Sunday Morning Masses – 7:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 10:00 am
- One Sunday Hispanic Mass – 10:30 am

Set ACC Goals with Fr Matthew before he moved

Separation of parishes is no more, we are becoming a great community

Healing mass, teaching mass, First Friday and First Saturday masses and masses in the trailer court

Fr Cletus, Fr Efran and Fr Nicholas – Benedictine relationship with our ACC

Keeping our individuality in the parishes – Collection dollars

Finances how they are breaking out – staff bring them all together for the ACC

# Hispanic/Latino Community

## 2 Big Events:

- ▶ Lady of Guadalupe
- ▶ 5 De Mayo Festival

## Formation:

- ▶ Altar Servers
- ▶ XV Formation
- ▶ Liturgy of the Word for kids
- ▶ 4 Choir Groups
- ▶ Catechism First Communion- 2 Groups
- ▶ Confirmation
- ▶ Baptismal Preparation
- ▶ Marriage Prep
- ▶ \*Immigrant Committee
- ▶ \*Community Closet
- ▶ \*RCIA
- ▶ \*Adult Faith Formation- psychologist Jonathon
- ▶ \*Community English Classes-Gilbert Perez (SJU student)
- ▶ \*Music Class

## Coordination and Help:

- ▶ Br. Felix Mencias
- ▶ S. Judy
- ▶ Br. John Klassen Benedictine Brothers and Sister

## 3 Social Media Accounts:

- ▶ Casa San Benito
- ▶ Iglesia María Inmaculada
- ▶ Santa María Del Camino



“In home” Community Mass-Fr. Joseph, Fr. Efrain

Bilingual Mass-Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month Mary Immaculate Church

3 Spanish Speaking Priests - Fr. LeRoy, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Efrain

1 Diaconate Candidate - Ruben Mejia

