



“All Things New” church and school metrics for Centered on Christ Catholic Community

The Diocesan Planning Committee and the Diocesan Committee for the Affirmation of Plans (CAP) has approved our Centered on Christ Catholic Community “Plan A” with the understanding that we would eventually transition to our “Plan B” over a period of years.

*****Note: This present plan awaits the bishop’s final approval and may be subject to some changes.**

Brief Summary:

The following has been approved:

Pastor and Parochial Vicar:

At this point, Centered on Christ Catholic Community (CCCC) will continue to have 1 Pastor, 1 Parochial Vicar. The priests will say no more than 3 Masses per weekend, excluding funerals and weddings.

One Parish Corporation:

While still retaining all their own separate investments, income and expenses, profit and loss, balance sheets and financial line items, the churches of Saint Boniface, Saints Peter & Paul, Mary of the Immaculate Conception and Saint James will cease being separate, individual parishes and will be consolidated into one parish corporation. (Name to be determined.) There will be one Corporate Finance Council under the direction of the Pastor, Director of Finance and representatives of each of the churches to help oversee these separate financial line items. Although consolidated into 1 corporate structure, each church will retain their original names, (i.e. Saint Boniface, Saints Peter & Paul, Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Saint James.

The CAP has agreed that Saint Boniface, Saints Peter & Paul, Mary of the Immaculate Conception and Saint James will remain open however, within 2-5 years Saint James will eventually be relegated to other religious purposes. This said (with the bishop’s permission) Saint James will transition into an **“oratory”** (a place of pilgrimage, prayer, worship, and some sacraments). As an oratory, it will continue to be part of the one parish corporate structure. (For more details, see Canon Laws #1223-1229 on Oratories and more specifics for each church.)

Schools:

At this time, both campuses of Saint Boniface Catholic School and Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School will remain open and will retain their own investments, separate balance sheets, income and expense, profit and loss, fundraisers, etc. and yet both will also be consolidated into the one the parish corporate with the other churches. The Diocesan CAP Committee encouraged both schools to continue to restructure and consolidate resources as needed. Saint Boniface and Saints Peter & Paul churches shall pay no more than 37% of their Ordinary Income to financially support these schools.

One Community Office:

Centered on Christ Catholic Community will continue to staff and maintain one Community Office to oversee the various churches and schools within the corporation.

Primary and Partner Churches:

Due to its central location, its large membership, and large worship space, Saint Boniface shall be named the “**Primary**” church while all other churches will be named as “**Partner**” churches. The “Partner” churches will still be able to celebrate their regular weekend Masses and many other Solemnities, however a larger portion of these solemnities and feasts and holy days will be held at the “Primary” church location.

Maintenance:

Each church shall continue to maintain and strive to spend no more than 25% of its Ordinary Income on building maintenance which includes property insurance.

One Discipleship (Faith Formation) Program:

Our CCCC will continue to have one Children’s Discipleship, one Teen Discipleship, one Confirmation, and one Adult Discipleship Program (i.e. religious ed.) for the combined churches. These programs will be held either in the Primary or one of the Partner churches.

Weekend and Weekday Masses:

Weekend and weekday Masses shall remain relatively the same with one exception: Due to its lower average mass attendance of 28-32% at the Saturday evening Mass in Saints Peter & Paul (below the Diocesan Parameter of 50%) the CAP Committee has requested the Saturday evening Mass at Saints Peter & Paul come to an end. This change will happen sometime in the late Summer of 2026. People will be encouraged to attend the Saturday Evening Mass at Saint Boniface Church instead.

Latino Ministry:

Latino Ministry and Pastoral Care will continue to take place within the Latino Community at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. Since John’s Abbey is no longer able to supply Sacramental Ministry to assist the Pastor in these matters, further adjustments in Latino ministry and Masses times will need to be made. With the exception of OCIA, Baptismal and Marriage Prep, the Latino Faith Formation program will be consolidated into our existing CCCC discipleship programs (i.e. Pre-K thru Confirmation) at St. Boniface and Saint Peter and Paul.

Detailed Explanation of CCCC Churches and School Metrics:



Saint James (Jacobs Prairie, MN)

Intro:

The church at Saint James (SJ) located in Jacobs Prairie, MN (Wakefield Township) has an old and rich history going back to 1854 which pre-dates even Minnesota statehood. Saint James parish began with the missionary priest and its first pastor, Rev. Francis Pierz, whose work with the native American peoples and German pioneer immigrants helped settle this land located along the Sauk River valley. For this reason, Saint James is the oldest parish church within the Diocese of Saint Cloud west of the Mississippi River. The parish was formally organized by Rev. Pierz in 1855 and from there became the “mother” church from which the surrounding parish churches of Saint Nicholas (Saint Nicholas) Saint Boniface (Cold Spring) and Saints Peter & Paul (Richmond) were established. It was eventually ministered by the Saint John’s Abbey and Benedictine community beginning in 1856 until 2023 when it was turned over to the Diocese of Saint Cloud to be ministered by various diocesan priests.

At present (2025) Saint James has approx. 304 church members with a worship space capacity of approx. 150 people. Regular Sunday Mass attendance has been at 95% of occupancy. The property is about 10 acres in size which holds the church, a rectory, a cemetery dating back many years, 2 grottos, and a large storage building where machinery and various community gatherings and fundraisers are held. The current rectory is occupied by the Parochial Vicar of the CCCC with the Pastor’s rectory located at Saint Boniface in Cold Spring.

Metrics:

- After dialogue and discussions between representatives from our Centered on Christ ACC Planning Committee and the Diocesan CAP, it was decided that since the maintenance cost at Saint James regularly exceeds the Diocesan Parameter limit of 25% of ordinary income, and yet has an important and rich history in our diocese, Saint James may remain open, however plans would be that it would be eventually relegated to other religious purposes. With permission from the bishop, it will become an “**oratory**” to be used for public prayer, worship, sacraments and Masses as needed. The frequency of Masses will depend on the availability of the Pastor and/or Parochial Vicar and ultimately be decided upon by the Pastor of the new corporate parish structure, (i.e. Centered of Christ Catholic Community.) This merging and transition is to take effect within the next 2-5 years, after all documents are formally arranged and signed whereby the Centered on Christ Catholic Community establishes itself as one parish corporate structure.

Like all the other CCCC parishes, SJ will cease to be an individual parish corporation. (See Canon Laws specific to Oratories #1223-1229)

- At this time the rectory at SJ will continue to house and be the residence of the Parochial Vicar and/or Pastor of the CCCC as needed.
- If and when permission from the bishop formally establishes St. James as an “**oratory**” the following metrics will need to take place:
 - A. Those who were members of SJ Parish, while supporting their own SJ oratory, will be invited and encouraged to play an active roll in one or more of the other remaining CCCC parishes of Saint Boniface (Cold Spring), Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Rockville), or Saints Peter & Paul (Richmond), or another church of their choosing. (Please note: Canon Law does not allow persons to be members of an oratory, rather they must be enrolled as members of a specific church within a parish corporation.)
 - B. Saint James will retain their current and future parish investments, cemetery endowment, profit and loss statement along with contributions and/or special fundraisers to help ensure the upkeep of the grounds and facilities. These accounts will be operated and overseen by the Pastor, Director of Finance and the Corporate Finance Committee. Those associated with Saint James will have some representation on this Finance Committee. No unauthorized or unaffordable repairs will be permitted. SJ will continue to contribute to the larger shared corporate staff and operational expenses at a percentage rate of between 4-6% to support these larger operational costs. All income and expenditures must go through this newly established Corporate Parish Structure.
 - C. Should SJ become an oratory, it shall establish an “**Oratory Advisory Committee**” (OAC) to ensure the upkeep of all grounds and facilities and shall meet on a regular basis. They are to report to the new corporate structure and will strive to maintain a balanced budget of income and expenses to ensure the oratory’s sustainability. These members may be chosen at will within the surrounding community of Saint James.
 - D. Funeral Masses and burial services will be allowed as needed, however many of the sacraments such as Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations will no longer take place at SJ. Weddings may be allowed with special permission by the Pastor on a case-by-case basis. Regarding regularly scheduled Sunday and/or Weekday Masses will be at the discretion of the Pastor of Centered on Christ Catholic Community. As an oratory, the number and times of Mass celebrations for Holy Days of Obligation such as Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, etc. will likely decrease at Saint James. A special mass on the Feast of the apostle of Saint James may be celebrated on July 25th and held annually as a fundraiser for the oratory as well as other fundraisers such as Cornfest, etc. may continue. Certain other devotional prayers for example, the Lenten Stations of the Cross, may continue.
 - E. As with the other the other CCCC churches, our CCCC Planning Committee has decided that should SJ experience any catastrophic damage either from fire, wind, water, or incur any insurmountable maintenance expense, some (or all buildings) will be sold and/or demolished with no plans to rebuild. It will cease being an oratory and if sold, will be repurposed for secular but not profane use. In the event these take place the financial assets of Saint James will be distributed accordingly among the remaining CCCC churches and the newly formed corporate structure or deposited into their perpetual cemetery account.

- F. Also, should routine maintenance expenses exceed income for a period of three years and all other funds are depleted, the CCCC Planning Committee has decided the facility of SJ should also be sold for secular (but not profane use) or demolished. The cemetery at Saint James will continue to be available for burials and maintained in perpetuity by a cemetery maintenance committee.



Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church (Rockville, MN)

Intro:

The Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church (MIC), located in Rockville, MN was originally settled by English and Scotch fur traders in the early 1800s who then discovered large deposits of granite in the area. Beginning with granite quarrying on a modest scale this marked the beginning of its long history within the granite industry and the name's sake for the town called, "Rockville." Not long after German and Bavarian immigrants, pioneers, and farmers began to settle the land along the Sauk River, and being mostly Catholic they petitioned and prevailed over Bishop James Trobec of the Diocese of Saint Cloud to build its first parish church under the guidance of Fr. Hubert Gunderson from the St. Wendelin parish in Luxemburg. In 1911 construction of the church began and on December 8, 1911 its first Mass was celebrated on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Julius Locnikar O.S.B then pastor of Saint James (Jacobs Prairie) became its first pastor (1912-1921). The parish was soon passed onto the Diocese of Saint Cloud in 1922 and from then on has served Catholics in the surrounding area and with various improvements and additions made to the original structure we see today.

In the past several years, Mary of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) has seen a large and ever-growing influx of Latinos (Hispanic) in the area who also attend the church services. In 2024 Bishop Patrick Nearly requested that (MIC) also extend its pastoral care to serve the Latinos in the St. Cloud and Waite Park, MN area and add these to our congregation.

At present (2025) (MIC) serves roughly 920 members with approx. 612 being Anglo and approx. 308 Latino, fully 1/3 of an ever-growing population to the parish. The Latino population is very involved and fully contributes to the overall well-being of the church and community. Currently MIC is served by the Pastor of Centered on Christ Catholic Community and a Parochial Vicar along with a Latino Deacon from MIC. As of September 2026, St. John's Abbey will no longer be able to supply a Sacramental Minister to MIC for the Latino community.

The worship space capacity holds 291 persons with an attendance of 62% to 93% occupancy at worship services. The church property consists of the church proper with a connected parish center along with a large cemetery grounds.

After some dialogue and discussions between our CCCC Planning Committee, the Diocesan Planning Council and CAP, there is the realization that (MIC) is an important location near Waite Park/St. Cloud as well as near the Cold Spring area for the Latino Community so that

it should remain open in solidarity with the current Anglo parish members and community. It shall be a **“Partner”** church within the current Centered on Christ Catholic Community new parish corporate structure, with Saint Boniface (Cold Spring) as the **“Primary”** church and Saints Peter & Paul (Richmond) also as a **“Partner”** church and Saint James.

Metrics:

- Mary of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) will remain open and continue its pastoral services for both its Anglo and Latino members. Within 1-3 years, MIC will consolidate into one parish corporation (Name to be determined) along with Saint Boniface (Cold Spring), Saints Peter & Paul (Richmond) and Saint James (Jacobs Prairie). At this time MIC will cease being an independent parish corporation. This metric will take place once all legal documents are formally drawn and signed. MIC will then transition into a “Partner” church along with Saints Peter & Paul and Saint James Churches with Saint Boniface as the “Primary” Church within this new corporate structure. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will continue to have its Weekend Masses and other liturgical celebrations however as the Primary church, Saint Boniface will host many of the larger Solemnities, many of the Holy Week, and larger celebrations.
- MIC shall retain its church name along with all its current and future investments, cemetery endowments, fundraisers, church income and expenses, and be responsible for its own upkeep. All associated income, expenses, budgets and business items shall be overseen and governed by the Pastor of Centered on Christ Catholic Community, the Director of Finance, and the one Finance Council under the new corporate structure who will help oversee all financial matters. This Finance Council will have some representation from MIC to help ensure a healthy local budget for sustainability.
- MIC will continue to contribute to the larger corporation’s staff and shared expenses of between 11%-14% of these shared operational costs.
- MIC shall have a “Partner Advisory Committee” (PAC) to help oversee church events, fundraisers, maintenance and other parish activities with members coming from the church membership at large. Their Missional Committee may also continue its good work. MIC shall continue to participate in the larger CCCC functions as needed.
- The sacraments of baptism, first communion, and weddings may be celebrated at MIC, including Funeral Masses and burials, with the exception of some of the larger solemnities (i.e. Confirmation, some Holy Week services, some Holy Days of Obligation, etc.) which will mostly be celebrated at the “Primary” church.
- The CCCC Planning Committee has decided that should MIC experience any catastrophic damage which may occur from fire, wind, water damage, or some other insurmountable maintenance expense, some (or all buildings) will be sold and/or demolished with no plans to rebuild. If sold, it will be relegated to secular but not profane use. No unauthorized or unaffordable repairs will be permitted except through the CCCC Finance Council. All other repairs are to come out of regular pocket. Members would be encouraged to join one of our other churches within the new corporation.
- Also, should MIC income not meet its maintenance costs and other regular expenses and deplete its reserves, the CCCC Planning Committee has agreed that Mary of the Immaculate Conception shall be sold and/or demolished with all retained earnings being distributed in proportion to the surrounding churches within the new parish corporation or deposited into the perpetual cemetery

account. The Cemetery of MIC shall retain its own income, expense, and endowments and continue to function in perpetuity under a cemetery committee.

- Since Saint John's Abbey will no longer be able to support or assist MIC as the Latino Sacramental Minister beginning in Sept. 2026, decisions will need to be made as to the overall Latino ministry and Mass times at MIC.



Saints Peter & Paul Church/School (Richmond, MN)

Intro:

The Saints Peter & Paul Church (SSPP), located in Richmond, MN had its beginning with Fr. Francis Pierz, an early missionary among the Native Americans and one who encouraged early German Catholic settlers, pioneers, and farmers to come begin a new life in this area. As pastor of Saint James in Jacobs Prairie he traveled twice a month to the Richmond's Prairie (now simply called Richmond) to celebrate Mass, perform weddings and do baptisms in the first log church that was built in 1856. Already by August of 1856 Fr. Burno Riess O.S.B. became its first pastor and also assumed the pastoral care at Saints James in Jacobs Prairie. By 1859 it was obvious that the small log-built church was too small for its members and so the first framed structure was built. First served by the Saint Vincent's Benedictine Abbey in Pennsylvania, Saints Peter & Paul was later served by the Benedictine priests and monks from Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville. With the rapidly expanding population of the German immigrants, by 1866 a second larger framed structure church was built and again by 1884 the current much larger structure was built under Fr. Ignatius Wessling O.S.B. a structure we see today along with a 2013 addition to the north as a gathering space.

With regards to Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School (SSPPS), public district schools were starting to be established in the area in the 1860s with the first district school using the Saints Peter & Paul old log church. When this school burned down a larger stone-built school was built in 1867. As other district schools were being built and the large Catholic population expanding, many of these public schools were administered and staffed by the Benedictine Sisters of St. Joseph who oversaw the policies and learning within these schools. In 1955 Federal law did not allow nuns to teach in public schools through public funding. As a result, Saints Peter & Paul parish purchased the 1867 school building in 1951 thus establishing the first Catholic School of its own, staffed by many of the Benedictine nuns and pastors over the years. In 1957 the current school building across from the church was built and today serves a dual purpose as Catholic School and Parish Center.

At present (2025) (SSPP) serves roughly 1961 members with a current school enrollment of 112 students. SSPP is served by the Pastor of Centered on Christ and a Parochial Vicar with the CCCC Offices located at Saint Boniface in Cold Spring.

The worship space capacity of 635 persons with an average attendance of 28% at the Saturday evening and 35% at the Sunday morning Mass. The church property consists of the church, the school, a large rectory/storage building and a large cemetery near the campus.

Today Saints Peter & Paul continues to be an important site for CCCC Teen Discipleship and Confirmation programs, along with other important parish and school activities.

Metrics: (Saints Peter & Paul Church)

- After dialogue and discussions between our CCCC Planning Committee, the Diocesan Planning Council and CAP it was decided that Saints Peter & Paul Church in Richmond (SSPP) will remain open and continue its pastoral services for its members. Within 1-3 years, it will consolidate into one parish corporation (Name to be determined) along with Saint Boniface (Cold Spring), Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Rockville) and Saint James (Jacobs Prairie). At this time SSPP will cease being an independent parish corporation, yet it will retain its original name within the single corporate structure. This metric will take place once all legal documents are formally arranged and signed. SSPP will then become a **“Partner”** church along with Mary of the Immaculate Conception and Saint James with Saint Boniface as the **“Primary”** Church since it has the largest church space and is more centrally located..
- As part of the single corporation SSPP shall retain all its current and future investments, cemetery endowments, fundraisers, as well as retain and be responsible for its own income and expenses (via regular Sunday contributions, etc.) governed by a single Corporate Finance Committee which will assist in managing all the separate budgetary line items for each of the churches within the corporate structure. Representatives from SSPP shall be part of this Finance Committee to help sustain a healthy budget, finance, and sustainability.
- Given the fact that neither the Saturday evening Mass nor the Sunday morning Mass at SSPP meets the diocesan planning requirements of 50% capacity for members attending worship, (averaging only 28-32% attendance on Saturdays and Sundays) the Diocesan CAP committee has requested that the Saturday evening Mass be cancelled. This change will begin sometime in the late Summer of 2026. Those wishing to go to a Saturday evening Mass are encouraged to attend the Saturday evening Mass at the “Primary” church of Saint Boniface (Cold Spring).
- SSPP will continue to contribute to the larger corporate structure’s shared staff and shared operational expenses at a rate of between 30%-34% of these shared operational costs.
- All associated income, expense, budgets and business items shall be governed by the Pastor of Centered on Christ Catholic Community, the Director of Finance, and one Corporate Finance Council which will help oversee all financial matters within the one corporation.
- SSPP shall have a “Partner Advisory Committee” (PAC) to help oversee church events, fundraisers, maintenance and other parish activities with members coming from the church members at large. They shall also participate in larger CCCC functions as needed.
- As a “Partner” church the sacraments of Baptism, First communion, Weddings, some Confirmations and many of the Holy Days of Obligation will continue to be celebrated at SSPP, including Funeral Masses and burials with the exception of some of the larger CCCC celebrations and some Holy Week services, which will be celebrated at the “Primary” church of Saint Boniface.
- The CCCC Planning Committee has agreed that should the SSPP church or rectory (and school) also experience any catastrophic damage which may occur due to fire, wind, water damage, or other insurmountable maintenance expense, some (or all buildings) will be sold and/or

demolished with no plans to rebuild. In such cases, all or parts of the campus will be relegated to secular but not profane use. No unauthorized or unaffordable repairs will be permitted. Members would be encouraged to join one of our other CCCC churches (Saint Boniface) or another church within the corporation at that time.

- Should SSPP income/expense not be able to meet with maintenance and other regular expenses, and should it deplete all its reserves, the CCCC Planning Committee has agreed that SSPP shall be sold and/or demolished with all retained earnings being distributed in proportion to the surrounding CCCC churches or be deposited into its perpetual cemetery fund. The Cemetery of SSPP shall still retain its income, expense, and endowments and continue to function under a cemetery committee in perpetuity.
- With regard to the empty rectory, discussions have been made for the lease and/or sale of the parish rectory to help reduce overall facility maintenance, costs and expenses.

Metrics: (Saints Peter & Paul School)

- Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School (SSPPS) will remain open at this time and yet consolidate into the one corporate structure along with all the other CCCC churches and schools. This metric will take place in 1-3 years when all proper documents are drafted and signed.
- SSPPS shall retain all its current and future endowments, investments, fundraisers, income and expenses as well as Profit and Loss statements. These budgetary items shall be overseen by the Pastor, Director of Finance, Principal, School Board of Directors, and Parish Corporate Finance Council.
- The parish investment (cost) to support SSPPS shall remain at no more than 37% of Ordinary Parish Income, well below the diocesan parameter of 40% or less.
- Although Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School will remain open at this time, the diocesan CAP has encouraged our CCCC to continue to look at long-term planning and sustainability of between both Catholic schools at Saints Peter & Paul and Saint Boniface through some form of restructuring and consolidating resources as needed. At present neither SSPPS nor SBS facilities are large enough to hold all students in one facility and so at this time neither campus is planning to be closed.
- Should SSPPS not be able to meet its financial goals and a healthy budget through increased enrollment, increased tuition per student, decrease in expenses and increased fundraising to provide a stable income and expense, and when its reserved funds, investments, and endowments are depleted, the CCCC Planning Committee has agreed that closure and/or complete consolidation of schools and buildings use will need to occur between Saints Peter & Paul School and Saint Boniface School.
- All maintenance and repairs shall come from SSPPS cash or reserved accounts.
- The CCCC Planning Committee has decided that should Saints Peter & Paul School also experience any catastrophic damage which may occur from fire, wind, water damage, or some other insurmountable maintenance cost and expense, some (or all buildings) will be sold and/or demolished with no plans to rebuild. In these cases, some or parts of the campus will be relegated to secular but not profane use. No unauthorized or unaffordable repairs will be permitted. Families of SSPPS will be encouraged to enroll their students in Saint Boniface Catholic School at that time.



Saint Boniface Church/School (Cold Spring, MN)

Intro:

Saint Boniface Church (SB) located in Cold Spring, MN had its beginning in the 1850s with Fr. Francis Pierz, an early missionary priest, who worked among the Native Americans and encouraged early German Catholic pioneers and farmers to settle in this area and begin a new life. As pastor of Saint James in Jacobs Prairie, for a short time, he ministered to many of these German immigrants in and around the Cold Spring area, celebrating Mass, performing weddings and doing baptisms. Over time Cold Spring had become a larger population center due to the granite industry, other thriving businesses, and the railroad. In 1877 Fr. Leo Winter O.S.B., already the Pastor of Saint James (Jacobs Prairie) and Saint Nicholas (St. Nicholas), felt a church should be built in the Cold Spring area. With the encouragement and help of Maurcus Maurin, a prominent figure in the Cold Spring area and C. Buss, they petitioned Archbishop Seidenbusch O.S.B., archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis to build a parish. In 1878 permission was granted and the first basement church was built and dedicated on November 1, 1878. A larger brick church was then built and dedicated in June of 1885. This was later demolished and replaced by the current church and campus structure we see today which was completed in 1980. Saint Boniface parish had been served by Benedictine priests and monks of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN from 1878 to 2023 when it was eventually turned over to the Diocese of Saint Cloud to be administered by diocesan priests.

With regards to Saint Boniface Catholic School, there is a long history which includes a series of public buildings, the significant influence of the Benedictine Sisters, and the eventual transition to the public school system while retaining a Pre-K thru 6th grade Catholic School. The first schoolhouse was a converted church building which burned down in 1884 and a new school and sister's house was built. Benedictine sisters arrived in 1897 to staff the school. In 1916 a school called Saint Boniface School was built which served both public and private education and was staffed by the Benedictine sisters of St. Joseph and other lay people. A large high school was then constructed in 1926 under Rev. Adolph Dingman O.S.B. By 1946 enrollment grew so much large that additions were made in 1948, then 1960, and 1965. By 1968, however, the cost of maintaining the high school was too much so that the school was closed in 1968 and sold to the Rocori School District as the current DEF building. In 2004 new classroom space, a gym, and parish center and school complex were completed which is our current Saint Boniface Catholic School of Pre-K thru 6th grade education center located in the lower level of the Saint Boniface church and structure.

At present (2025) SB serves roughly 5001 members with a current school enrollment of 242 students. SB is ministered by the Pastor of Centered on Christ Catholic Community and a Parochial Vicar with the CCCC Offices located at SB in Cold Spring.

The worship space capacity is 802 persons with an attendance of 41% at the Saturday and 49% at the Sunday morning Mass. The church property consists of the church/school, a rectory,

storage/maintenance building, the Assumption “Grass Hopper” Chapel(a colorful history onto itself) and a large cemetery with a chapel.

Metrics: (Saint Boniface Church)

- After dialogue and discussions between representatives from our CCCC Planning Committee, the Diocesan Planning Council and CAP it is decided Saint Boniface Church in Cold Spring (SB) will remain open and continue its pastoral services for its members. Within 1-3 years, it will consolidate into one parish corporation (Name to be determined.) along with Saints Peter & Paul (Richmond), Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Rockville) and Saint James (Jacobs Prairie). At this time SB will cease being an independent parish corporation, yet it will retain its original name within the single corporate structure (Name to be determined). This metric will take place once all legal documents are formally arranged and signed.
- Since SB is centrally located, has the largest parish membership, the largest worship space, and currently houses all our CCCC staff and Community offices, Saint Boniface shall be the **“Primary”** church while all others churches named as **“Partner”** churches. SB will continue to have the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Weddings and Confirmation celebrated, including Funeral Masses and burials. Some of these sacraments may also occur in the “Partner” churches. Many (but not all) of the larger CCCC liturgical Solemnities and celebrations such as Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, some Holy Week, Holy Day of Obligation, etc. Masses will be hosted at Saint Boniface the “Primary” church.
- SB along with the other “Partner” churches will continue to be served by one Pastor, a Parochial Vicar, a Director of Finance and members of a shared staff with the newly formed corporate structure.
- As part of a single parish corporation SB shall retain all its current and future investments, incomes, cemetery endowments, fundraisers, as well as regular Sunday collections and be responsible for its own income and expense and budgetary items, governed by a single Corporate Finance Committee which will assist in managing all the separate budgets for each of the churches within the one corporate structure. Representatives from SB shall be part of this one Finance Committee to help sustain a healthy budget and finance.
- SB will continue to contribute to the larger corporate structure, shared staff and operational costs at a rate of between 54%-58% of these shared expenses. All associated income, expense, budgets and business items shall be governed by the Pastor of Centered on Christ Catholic Community, the Director of Finance, and a Corporate Finance Council which will help oversee these financial matters.
- SB will have a “Primary Advisory Committee” (PAC) to help oversee church events, fundraisers, maintenance and other parish activities with members coming from the church at large. They shall also participate in larger ACC functions as needed.
- The CCCC Planning Committee has agreed that should Saint Boniface Church experience any catastrophic damage which may occur from fire, wind, water damage, or an insurmountable maintenance expense, some or parts of the campus and buildings shall be sold and/or demolished with no plans to rebuild. In such cases, these buildings will be relegated to secular but not profane use. No unauthorized or unaffordable repairs will be permitted. Members will be encouraged to join one of our other CCCC churches within the corporation at that time.
- Should SB income/expense also not be able to meet with maintenance and other regular expense, for several years and reserves depleted, the CCCC Planning Committee has agreed that SB shall

be sold and/or demolished with all retained earnings being distributed in proportion to the surrounding CCCC churches or deposited into its perpetual cemetery fund. The Cemetery of SB shall retain its income, expense, and endowments and continue to function under a cemetery committee in perpetuity.

- Given the fact that Saint Boniface meets all the parameters of the diocese regarding church Mass attendance (roughly 50%) maintenance (under 25%), income/expense, school investment support (under 40%), etc. there are no major changes in the number of Masses planned at Saint Boniface at this time.
- The rectory will continue to house the Pastor (or Parochial Vicar) with Saint James currently being the residence of the Parochial Vicar.

Metrics: (Saint Boniface School)

- Saint Boniface Catholic School (SBS) will remain open at this time and yet consolidate into one corporate structure along with all the other CCCC churches and schools. This metric will take place in 1-3 years when all legal documents are drafted and signed.
- Saint Boniface Catholic School shall retain all its current and future endowments, investments, fundraisers, income and expenses and as well as Profit and Loss statements. These budgetary line items shall be overseen by the Pastor, Director of Finance, Principal, and School Board of Directors and Parish Corporate Finance Council.
- The parish investment (cost) to support Saint Boniface Catholic School shall remain at no more than 37% of Ordinary Parish Income, well below the diocesan parameter of 40% or less. All maintenance and repairs shall come from cash or reserved accounts.
- While SBS remains open, the diocesan CAP has encouraged our Centered on Christ Catholic Community continue to look at long-term planning and sustainability of both schools at Saints Peter & Paul and Saint Boniface through continued restructuring and consolidation of resources as needed. At present neither school facility is large enough to hold all students and at this time neither campus is planning to be closed.
- Should SBS not be able to meet its financial goals and the requirements of a healthy budget through such measures such as increased enrollment, increased tuition per student, decrease in expenses and increased fundraising in order to provide a healthy budget of income and expense and when all reserve funds, investments and endowments are depleted, the CCCC Planning Committee has decided that complete consolidation with Saints Peter & Paul School and/or complete closure of Saint Boniface School will be needed.
- The CCCC Planning Committee has decided that should SBS also experience any catastrophic damage which may occur from fire, wind, water damage, or some other insurmountable maintenance expense, some buildings may be sold and/or demolished with no plans to rebuild. In such cases, they will be relegated to secular but not profane use. No unauthorized or unaffordable repairs will be permitted. Families of SBS will be encouraged to enroll their students at Saints Peter & Paul School at that time.

A Final Note: These “All Things New” plans for our CCCC parishes and schools have been submitted and approved by the Diocesan Planning Council, the Diocesan Committee for

Approval of Plans (CAP) and our own CCCC Planning Committee, a process that has taken place for almost 2 years. The “final-final” approval of these plans still awaits the decision of Bishop Patrick Neary after reviewing all surrounding Area Catholic Community plans within our diocese. As a result, some changes may still occur. This last approval is expected to be made public sometime in late Spring of 2026 at which time a letter from the diocese will be sent to every Catholic household in our diocese.

Please Note: Once the Diocese of Saint Cloud has published and made their final decisions for “All Things New” restructuring plans our CCCC Planning Committee plans to host a Parish Hall meeting within our CCCC to answer any questions or concerns any member may have.

Special thanks to all 14 members of our CCCC Planning Committee as well as the Diocese of Saint Cloud for their hard work and cooperation. Our hope is that these plans will help us better prepare for a more vibrant church in the future.

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Thank you!
Fr. LeRoy Scheierl (Pastor)