

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:1-2).

While I’m sure he would never be so bold as to describe himself as an angel, we at St. Boniface have a great opportunity to show our famous hospitality as we welcome Msgr. Cas Bogniak to our parish this weekend. Msgr. Bogniak resides at the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Retirement Home for Priests on East Gore Road (where Fr. Gallina also lives). As a retired priest, for the past several years he has generously covered Masses for active duty priests around our diocese, including some right here at St. Boniface. However, as the years advance, he has looked to stay closer to home. Most recently, he has been covering Masses on an extended basis at Our Lady of Peace church. With the new pastoral assignments that came into effect earlier this year, his services were no longer needed there, and he began looking for a new local parish with whom to celebrate Mass on weekends. Msgr. Bogniak called me and asked if I thought he would be welcome at St. Boniface, and I told him that I could not think of a more welcoming parish.

Msgr. Bogniak will regularly hear confessions and celebrate weekend Masses with us when he is not covering Masses elsewhere. He has also graciously agreed to celebrate a weekday Mass on Mondays, the only day we currently do not celebrate Mass here at St. Boniface as Monday is my day off. Monday Masses will be the usual weekday Mass time of 8:00 AM and will begin Monday, October 2nd.

It must be noted that Msgr. Bogniak has not been assigned to St. Boniface in any official capacity, nor has the bishop been involved in this arrangement. His time with us is completely voluntary. Msgr. Bogniak remains a retired priest who enjoys celebrating Sunday Masses with a congregation, and I have no doubt that our congregation will enjoy celebrating Mass with Msgr. Bogniak. So please make him feel at home, as I know you will, and may God bless you for your hospitality.