



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

April 28th, 2019

Reconciliation

Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass

8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours

9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

April 28th ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Fr. Adam)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish 11 AM ~ Marietta DeGrella Boman +

May 5th ~ Third Sunday of Easter (Fr. Jeff)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish 11 AM ~ Bettianne and Bob Davies +

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Welcome to Saint Boniface!

Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish by registering as either a member or associate member. Cards are available at the doors of the church.

Change of Address? Please notify Patty in the Parish Office of any changes to your family records.

Stewardship, lifetime of opportunity, responsibility, and accountability.

Have you remembered Saint Boniface in your will?

Saint Boniface is a Roman Catholic Church in the heart of downtown Louisville and has been ministering to the local community *since 1836*. We are a community formed by the Word of God, the Sacraments and the Tradition of the Catholic Church. We strive to be a catalyst for positive change in our neighborhood. We put the faith we have received into action through a variety of social outreach programs, namely: Saint John's Day Center for Homeless Men, Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM), and by assisting Nativity Academy in their mission to educate at-risk youth. In these efforts we strive to be a refuge for those in need, and offer hope to our surrounding community.

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"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Why do we believe if we haven't seen? I can only scratch the surface here. While leaving out the reasonableness of belief, authority, witness and testimony, proofs, evidence, personal and communal dimensions, virtue, truth, and revelation, faith is a human act of the intellect and will in response to God's grace.

Belief is an act of the intellect. We are curious creatures: investigating, searching, prodding, examining. We want to see and understand. We want to learn. Why do things work? How do they tick? I once took apart a soda fountain milkshake maker I had bought at a yard sale for a dollar. It was amazing with magnetic copper coils, wires, and gears. In the end, I didn't learn much and when I put it back together, touching it would send a low voltage electric current through my body. Yet, I was motivated to see for myself and understand what I could. If we approach the teachings of the Catholic Church in this way, we find a plethora of details, depth, and sophistication so as to ever gain more knowledge. If we can get past apathy, the church's own actions which have diminished her credibility, or the idea that the church's teachings have no value for our everyday lives or happiness, our intellects will be satiated on rigorous logic and profound reasoning. God, however, remains a mystery beyond our capacity to fully understand. Our intellect gets us to the edge of belief, of faith, but no further.

Belief is an act of the will. We make decisions every day. Although some would argue against our experience based on fate, genetics, neuroscience, or quantum mechanics in different spheres, we do experience our lives as a string of small and large decisions in response to opportunities or challenges. I may choose to buy a lottery ticket against the odds, root for the Air Force basketball team, or forgive an enemy. These may not make much sense to my intellect, but I will it none the less. On the off chance that the probabilities align and a result of great value to myself or to the common good may come to pass, I can choose to act against my intellect for some benefit. A soldier may sacrifice himself on the field of battle, a teacher may receive less pay to work in a Catholic school, or a priest may run into a burning cathedral to save the blessed sacrament and a crown of thorns. We can submit our intellect to an act of our will. Ultimately, we must do so to have faith. Believing in God, who is beyond our capacity to fully understand, isn't just fire insurance, an out of this world retirement plan, or raising the world up by its bootstraps, however. Faith requires more of us. Much more.

God is involved. Always the initiator, God has created us for relationship. God loves us without limit and without coercion. He preserves our freedom, for love is only love if given freely, received freely, and chosen freely. God gives light to our intellect and grace to our will by the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Faith comes to us as a gift. While we retain our freedom to cooperate with God's light and grace, to receive or reject the gift of faith, faith and belief are not possible without God. Faith is more than a destination, a static decision, or a scale. It is a journey and a relationship that always draws us deeper in love with God. By God's grace, we give more and more of ourselves to God who has given his all to us. We offer our intellect and will to God who takes our gifts and sets them on fire with his love. We don't just understand the mystery, we enter the mystery. We don't just choose God, we are chosen by him. We don't just obey rules, God writes his law on our hearts. Faith isn't just the minimal hurdle we have to clear, it is leaping into our Father's arms time and again from greater heights and further distances. With each leap, we say, "I do believe, help my unbelief." God will always catch us. *Fr. Jeff*

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Charles Gazaway

Gift Bearers: Cathy and Gary Zirnheld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert, Maggie Spink

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Susan Foley

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Jean Skaggs

Hospitality Ministers:

If you are interesting in serving please contact Charles Gazaway at 502.553.0317 or cgazaway@outlook.com



Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Bob Camfield
Scott McCoy
Al Pepper
Sue Ronald

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office at 584.4279.





Attention Seniors... You are invited to attend the Annual Derby Party on Saturday, May 4th. We will begin with a prayer service in the church at noon, followed by the party in the school cafeteria immediately afterwards. We should end by 2:30 pm. Sloppy Joes and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to share. Besides the good food and friendship we will have Derby jackpots and mint juleps, which includes a Derby Glass. The party also includes, if you would like to participate, a Derby hat/apparel contest with prizes awarded. Bring/wear any kind of Derby hat if you would like. Deacon Pat and Sandy Wright will assist at the party. Come join us for Derby fun! Call 584.4279 to RSVP by Wednesday, May 1st.

Parenting Pointers... Greet everyone you see today with a smile. It doesn't take any time or money. It's easy. All you have to do is remember. Challenge your child to join you in this "game" for a day. Help each other to remember.

Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz... For the April episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the formation of future priests as seminaries, and Archbishop Kurtz presents his annual Lent/Easter message. Archbishop also welcomes guest Deacon Scott Haner, chair of the board of Catholic Charities of Louisville, to discuss Catholic Charities' capital campaign, "Building a Brighter Future." Conversations airs on the Faith Channel on Tuesday at 7 pm, Wednesday at 10 am, Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 4 pm. It is also online at www.archlou.org/conversations

Join us for the Annual Turtle Derby... the slowest two minutes in sports! Join us on April 28th from noon until 5 pm at St. Joseph's Home, 15 Audubon Plaza Drive. Feature activities include Turtle races, chicken dinner, wheel of chance and children's area. For more information call Tina at 502.636.2300 or email dvlouisville@littlesistersofthepoor.org.



Save the Date... Hold onto your Hats! A party for CCLM (Central Louisville Community Ministries) will be held TODAY from 3:00—6:00 pm at Genscape Town Hall, 1140 Garvin Place, Louisville. Tickets are \$35 and will only be available at the door of the event. Fun for a good cause! Wear your fancy hats and join us for great wine, appetizers, desserts, conversation, music and a silent auction.

P.A.L. Parents of Addicted Loved Ones...

is a support group of parents helping parents. We will meet every week to offer addiction education and support, at no charge, for parents who are trying to save a son or daughter from addiction. We will begin on Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 pm at St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 2900 Bardstown Rd. We will meet in the Raphael Room. For more information please contact Michelle: mmeeks13@bellsouth.net or Mary at 502.609.0926.



Sacred Heart Schools Summer Camps...

Greetings from the most wonderful place to be this summer: Sacred Heart summer camps! We've preserved the fun of summer camp but elevated the experience—there's nothing retro about this year's lineup of activities. We have more to offer than ever, including: STEM, athletics, coding, entrepreneurship, photography, arts, dance, drama, musical theater and more. From outstanding coaches and teachers, to a wide range of activities—unforgettable adventure awaits at Sacred Heart summer camps! For registration and a complete list of camps go to: www.shslou.org/summercamps

Marriage Moments... "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." (John 20:23) In any marriage there are times that we hurt each other—perhaps inadvertently but sometimes out of anger or selfishness. Forgive each other lest your love die.

St. John Center Collection... will be on the First Sunday of the month, which is next weekend. They are in need of ground coffee, coffee creamer, sugar, artificial sweetener, coffee stirs, 55 gallon drumliners, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, rain ponchos, disposable razors, bathroom deodorizer spray, q-tips, copy paper, stamps, gift cards (Kroger, Walmart, Target, etc)



Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Acts 5:27-32,40b-41

2nd Reading—Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Reading—John 21:1-19

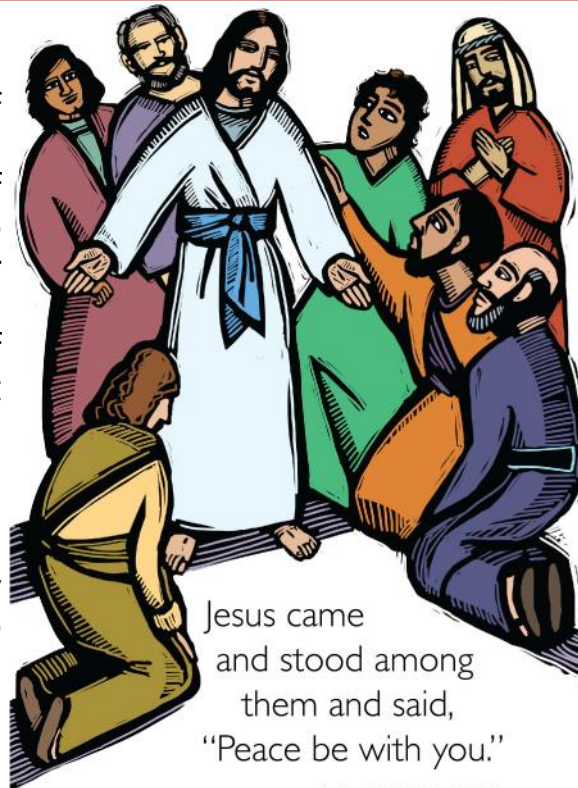
April 21st, 2019 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$6,540.00	Stewardship
+\$2,310.00	Over for the week

Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today, on the final day of the Octave of Easter, the eight-day celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we give praise and thanks for God's mercy. Scripture is replete with examples of divine mercy, foremost among them Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Truly, as we hear repeated in the responsorial psalm today, "God's mercy endures forever." As we celebrate today's liturgy, let us recall the times in our lives when we have felt that tender mercy.



Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

Today's Focus: Peace be with You

In addition to the glory and splendor of the Risen Christ, this joyful season can also grant us the blessing of peace. "Peace be with you" is a common greeting of the Risen Christ.

Reflection on the Gospel

In the fourth Gospel, knowledge of Jesus as the Son of God, the Word made flesh is fundamental to being a disciple. In some ways, belief is as important as another commandment: love. This axis of belief and love informs our identity as disciples as well. As human beings we can never achieve perfect belief or perfect love. But the pursuit of both is lifelong. On this Second Sunday of Easter when we encounter divine mercy, we recall the simplicity yet profundity of the gospel message: believe and love.

*Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed".
John 20:29*

Consider/Discuss

Describe a time when you have felt the Christ was present with you.