

Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

April 7th, 2019

Reconciliation

Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass

8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours

9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

April 7th ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Adam*)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Ann Trott +

April 14th ~ Palm Sunday (*Fr. Adam*)

8:30 AM ~ Roy Givens Jr +

11 AM ~ People of the Parish

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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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"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.'
 ...And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders.
 So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'
 She replied, 'No one, sir.'
 Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.'"



Before I was ordained a priest and was serving in a parish as a deacon, the one thing my pastor at the time (now Bishop Spalding of Nashville) required me to memorize was the formula for absolution. These are the words the priest says at the end of your confession which begin, "God, the Father of mercies..." and end with, "...I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." He admonished me, "You'll need this right away, best be ready." How right he was! Less than half an hour after I was ordained, at the reception in the undercroft of the Cathedral of the Assumption, a man pulled me aside and asked, "Father, will you hear my confession?" Okay. Gulp. Here we go.

In the colloquial, to "hear" confessions has been one of the great graces of my priesthood, and I believe the same for a vast majority of priests. Of course, I had the experience of going to confession, myself, which was usually quite profound for me, but nothing quite prepares you for the experience of pronouncing God's forgiveness for the contrite. No two confessions are the same and the ones I have heard run the gamut: from "it's been three hours since my last confession," to "this is my first confession since before first communion 47 years ago;" from the small lightness of most second graders' sins (or those of elderly cloistered nuns—they are remarkably similar, like being pelted with popcorn) to the grave grizzled sins of men serving life sentences in maximum security prisons; and from the excruciatingly detailed list of sins from those who suffer scrupulosity to those who simply state, "the one thing I want to work on is..." Almost everyone enters nervous, proceeds with stark honesty, and leaves relieved. It's all very, very human and very, very divine.

It is, perhaps, the closest I get to get to God's heart. That is, to mercy. Not my own, of course. It doesn't really matter a hill of beans what my personal response to your confessed sins is: first, because of the seal of confession, which means I can't ever tell anyone, anyway, or even allow what I have heard to affect my actions, at all, and, second, because I have the awesome responsibility of acting in the person of Christ. My path of discipleship and holiness is to be more like Jesus, but in confession, it is not between you and me, really, but between you and Jesus, you and the merciful Father, you and the Holy Spirit.

We are all scared. In confession, we pull back the image we cultivate and the facade we show to the world. We are nakedly honest with ourselves and with God (and with another human being). It's scary and not easy. Last week I went to confession to a Dominican priest and, after years of going to and hearing confessions, I was still nervous. Then, honest. And, then, relieved. I was also reconciled, restored, and renewed. "Your sins have been forgiven," the priest said, "Go in peace." My anxiety has been put to rest and I am set free. "Neither do I condemn you," Jesus says, "Go and sin no more."

Fr. Jeff

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Charles Gazaway

Gift Bearers: Cathy and Gary

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Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Clare Radaker

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

Paul Wright

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



Parenting Pointers... This is National Week of Conversation. Although this is geared to adults, help you children learn conversations skills by practicing a difficult conversation (maybe bedtime, chores, allowances...)

Marriage Moments... This is National Week of Conversation. In marriage there is plenty to disagree about. You don't need a special week to remind you to talk. The challenge is to talk about contentious issues in a respectful, productive way.

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

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 of Mary at 502.609.0926.

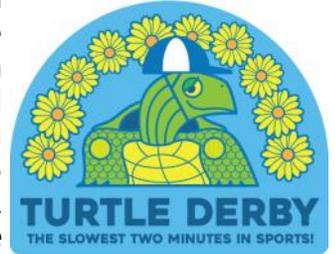


Sacred Heart Schools Summer Camps...

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

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 on Sunday, April 28th from 3:00—6:00 pm at Genscape Town Hall, 1140 Garvin Place, Louisville. Tickets are \$35 and will be available next week after mass. Fun for a good cause! Wear your fancy hats and join us for great wine, appetizers, desserts, conversation, music and a silent auction.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month...What are the policies of the Archdiocese of Louisville about child sexual abuse? Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Louisville has had policies and procedures—as well as codes of conduct for employees and adult volunteers—designed to create a safe environment and protect children. In addition, you can read about robust efforts to combat child abuse in the Archdiocese of Louisville, in the "report to the Catholic People" an independent investigator Mark Miller's report: "Restoring Trust: Report on Sexual Abuse in the Archdiocese of Louisville." The policies and reports all can be found at www.archlou.org/restoringtrust

WOW (Widows and Widowers)...will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at St. John Paul II, Gallagher hall at 7:30 pm.



On With Life (Catholic support group for the widowed)...will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at Mary Queen of Peace, Marian Hall at 7:30 pm.



Kroger...we just received our quarterly check from Kroger's Community Rewards program and we have 27 families participating and our check was for \$168.73. Register your rewards card at Kroger.com/account/communityrewards and use our account—SK711. Thanks for your support!

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Isaiah 50:4-7
2nd Reading—
Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Reading—Luke 22:14-23:56



March 31st, 2019 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$3,546.00	Stewardship
\$-684.00	Under for the week

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

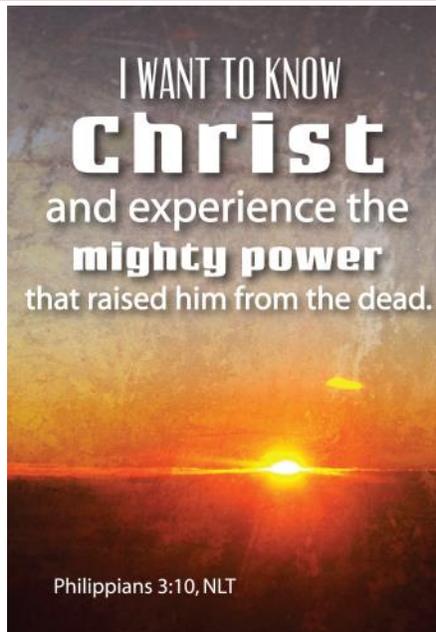
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

If our God were a vengeful God, who could survive? We are sinful creatures, struggling to do good in God's eyes, but often coming up short. Even now, during this penitential season, we need to seek God's mercy. Fortunately, our God is a merciful God, always ready to forgive us. As we celebrate with each other today, let us thank God for this overflowing mercy and consider those whom we ourselves need to forgive.

Today's Focus:

Today's Focus: Prisoners of Our Future

In today's Gospel scene of forgiveness, Jesus shows us that God be held captive by the past, but rather turns us, in hope, toward the future.



Reflection on the Gospel

Forgiveness is not an easy thing to express; it is not an easy thing to do. We see from Jesus' own ministry, from the experience of the early church, and probably our own past experiences how quickly we exclude others, setting apart and separating them. But Jesus' ministry, and by extension, the church's own ministry, is about inclusion through reconciliation. By his ministry those on the margins, those who have been condemned, and brought back and welcomed into the fold. Jesus did not condemn. Neither should we. Jesus forgave. So should we.

*"I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus is my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ."
Philippians 3:8*

Consider/Discuss

What helps you to trust in God's mercy and abandon sinful memories?