



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

December 2nd, 2018

**Reconciliation**

Sundays  
10:15 - 10:45 AM

**Sunday Mass**

8:30 & 11 AM

**Office Hours**

9 AM - 2 PM  
Monday - Thursday

**December 2nd ~ First Sunday of Advent** (*Fr. Adam*)

8:30 AM ~ JoLee McGrath +

11 AM ~ People of the Parish

**December 9th ~ Second Sunday of Advent** (*Fr. Jeff*)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Jerry Camfield +

**Pastor** ~ Fr. Jeff Shooner

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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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***"The days are coming, says the LORD..."***

Years ago, before I had surgery on my knee for a torn meniscus, I had scheduled an appointment with the surgeon. I arrived 30 minutes early, as requested, signed in, filled out all of my forms, and sat down in the packed waiting room. The appointment time came and went. Time crept by: 15 minutes, 30 minutes, an hour, two hours, two and a half hours. I had checked twice with the receptionist to make sure they knew I was there. I contemplated leaving and rescheduling. I planned how I would bill the surgeon for my time. I

was not patient. In fact, I seethed. Three hours after I arrived, my name was called and I went back to a little examination room. It was another 30 minutes before the doctor opened the door to see me. I was not happy to see him.

This might be an extreme, but we are not generally good at waiting. The old axiom "happiness is having something to look forward to" has been turned on it's head: "unhappiness is having to wait for something you want." Don't we want it now? Don't we deserve it now? Among other things, advertising has elevated our wants to the highest priority. We have placed ourselves at the center and one aspect of that is our need for speed. I get frustrated at a red light because it slows my progress. I was angry at the doctor because my schedule was impacted. The car in front of me at the drive thru gets two bags of food and a tray of drinks passed to it from the window. You've got to be kidding me! The person in front of me in line at the grocery has an item without a price on it. Gosh darn it! I go to renew my tags and pick number 93, seeing that the display reads 57. Fudge muffins! When will my next raise or promotion come? How long is it going to take to get in and see the specialist? When are my kids going to call? Why is it taking this long to get the tests back?

Waiting seems to be inherently evil, but is it? Is waiting bad? I'll admit, our patience shouldn't be an excuse for mediocrity or not improving a system or process. Things that can be done better, should be done better. When we're forced to wait, however, it becomes an opportunity to shift ourselves out of the center. When we willingly choose to wait patiently, we can intentionally place someone else in the center. It can become the opportunity to elevate another's needs above our own, to recognize their dignity and value, to bring a bit of joy into the world or someone's life. It can be a moment of grace. Imagine slowing down so a car can merge easily on the expressway, letting someone who seems a bit frazzled go in front of you at the checkout counter, taking the time to find out the receptionist's name and how her day is going, praying in the waiting room for those who need it, mentoring a coworker into a new skill, offering your anxiety about those medical tests to God for those who have no medical care, taking the initiative to reach out to those you love. Imagine taking that time to do God's will.

Advent is a season of waiting on the promises of God, those that have been, are being, and will be fulfilled. It is an opportunity, if we take it, for us to move our own wants out of the center. It's not an easy task, which is why we need time to prepare, time to wait. Perhaps, it is the time we need so that we can become the fulfillment of God's promises for others, become doers of God's will. You see, it may not be so much about us waiting on God, at all. It just might be about God waiting on us.

*Fr. Jeff*

## **Servers for this Week**

*8:30 a.m. Mass*

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Jean Skaggs

Gift Bearers: Family of JoLee McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert, Maggie Spink

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

*11:00 a.m. Mass*

Server: Paul Wright, Debbie Hornback

Lector: Dawn Wibbels

Gift Bearers: Jim and Diana Duggins

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Clare Radaker, Fred Williams

Hospitality Ministers: Bobby Camfield, Jimmy York

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



## **Prayer Requests**

Al Pepper  
Jeff Wenzel

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



**Young Adult Bible Study...**on the prophets will continue this Wednesday, at 5:30 pm in the parish office. This Bible study will meet on a weekly basis on Wednesday's.



**Save the Date!** Central Louisville Ministries (CLCM) Holiday Trivia is Saturday, December 8th, hosted at the Central Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Set up is tables of six with a suggested

donation of \$10.00 per person. The winning table receives \$100.00. Donations of baked goods are appreciated. Concessions will be available. RSVP your table name to [clcmoffice@gmail.com](mailto:clcmoffice@gmail.com). Walk ins and individuals are welcome. Come and join a table! Central Presbyterian Church has parking behind the church, off of the alley, and at the corner lot at 3rd and Kentucky.

**Conversations...**For the December episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian



Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss Archbishop's pastoral letter: The Soul of the Parish: Being Led by the Holy Spirit Alive in Our Midst, and Archbishop presents his 2018 Advent/Christmas message. Archbishop also welcomes guests Deacon Greg Beavin and Father George Illikkal, C.M.I, of Saint Theresa, Rodelia and Saint Mary Magdalen, Paynesville Parishes as well as the archdiocesan facilitator who worked with these parishes, Laura Zoeller, to talk about the experience of parish discernment at Saint Mary Magdalen and Saint Theresa. Conversations airs on the Faith Channel, and online at [www.archlou.org/conversations](http://www.archlou.org/conversations).

**Parenting Pointers...** Teach your children some Latin. In Latin "Advent" means something is coming. For Christians, it points us to the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It's not here yet. We have to wait for it. Talk about how you wait for relatives or friends to arrive. It's hard to wait, but you shouldn't hurry it by celebrating before the guest's arrival.

**Marriage Moments...** Spouses, even very loving spouses, sometimes need a "Do Over." When you catch yourself (or you are caught) saying or doing something hurtful, be humble enough to ask for a Do Over. Apologize. Rephrase your statement in a more sensitive way, make an amend.

**Retirement Fund for Religious...**

the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our parish next weekend. Many senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years with little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your support of next weekends' collection for the Retirement Fund provides medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



**Archdiocese of Louisville Communion Minister Formation Update Sessions...**

will be held on Monday, December 10th from 7—9 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church or Wednesday, December 12th from 1:30—3:30 pm at St. Brigid.

**Liturgy Formation, Module I...**

will begin in February of 2019. The Liturgy Formation Program offers the opportunity for participants to gain a deeper understanding of the rituals we celebrate and a greater knowledge of liturgical ministry. Through twelve classes—which provide a basic understanding of liturgy, the liturgical year, liturgical ministry, liturgical, and the celebration of the Mass—the Liturgy Formation Program aims to assist in promoting the fruitful celebration of the liturgy throughout the archdiocese. The first module of six classes will be offered in the Winter of 2019 and the second module of six classes will be offered in the Fall of 2019. Liturgy formation is open to all parishioners but would be especially beneficial for Worship and Music directors, Worship Committees, Liturgy Preparation Teams, Musicians, Deacons and Sacristans. Call the Office of Worship at 636.0296 x 1260 to sign up.

**Angels in Disguise...**

invites you to a Country Christmas with Mark Oliverius and special guest Pam Tillis! Brown Theatre—Louisville, December 15th at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Come and celebrate the GIFT of Down syndrome with us through this special concert event. Go to [www.angelsindisguise.net](http://www.angelsindisguise.net) for more information.



**Mass Intentions...**we are now looking at the 2019 calendar and have two masses per week that need intentions. Please call the church office if you would like for your intention to be included.

**Next week's readings....**

1st Reading—Baruch 5:1-9  
 2nd Reading—Philippians 1:4-6,8-11  
 Gospel Reading—Luke 3:1-6



<b>November 25th, 2018 Collection Report</b>	
\$4230.00	Needed for weekly expenses
\$3517.00	Regular Collection
\$253.00	Online Collection
\$3770.00	Total Weekly Collection
\$-460.00	Under for the week
\$790.00	Other Income

*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**

During Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of man who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for his face in those we encounter.



**Reflection on the Gospel**

The church gives us the reading from Luke to start this Advent season in part so that we might call to mind the "end times" and the concurrent coming of the Son of Man. When our minds are drowning in lists, shopping, groceries, and gifts, we might pause, raise our head above these pressing concerns, and reflect from another point of view. The dying and rising of Christ gives meaning to my own personal death and resurrection each season,

when I set aside my own desires and aims and focus on something eternal, something lasting.

**Today's Focus:  
Look to the Heavens**

Though the followers of Jesus were told at his ascension not to stare uselessly up at the sky, faithful disciples will keep focused—with their hearts—on the power of heaven for guidance and comfort.

*"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you."  
1 Thessalonians 3:12*

**Consider/Discuss**  
*What helps you to look for the light of Christ when life feels dark and heavy?*