

Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

December 9th, 2018

**Reconciliation**

Sundays  
10:15 - 10:45 AM

**Sunday Mass**

8:30 & 11 AM

**Office Hours**

9 AM - 2 PM  
Monday - Thursday

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

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Jerry Camfield +

**December 16th ~ Third of Advent (Fr. Jeff)**

8:30 AM ~ Carl and Mary Ann Huber +

11 AM ~ People of the Parish

**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.

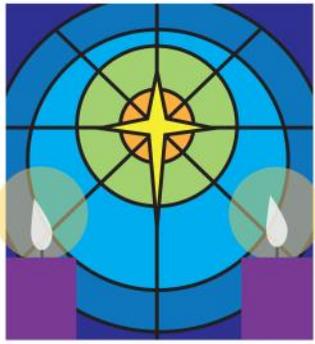
**Stewardship**, lifetime of opportunity, responsibility, and accountability.

**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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***"I am confident of this,  
that the one who began a good work in you  
will continue to complete it  
until the day of Christ Jesus."***

The day of Christ Jesus is, in its most common sense, Jesus's return in glory, when all things are made new. The End. That is, an eternal beginning. As I have written before, it is also the day each of us will walk through the doorway of death to our eternal destiny, when our personal life on earth has ended. There is another sense in which the day of Christ Jesus is today: no sense in putting off love. Jesus comes here and now. There is a fourth sense, in this Season of Advent, in which

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

we are preparing for Christmas. The day of Christ Jesus can be that for which we are preparing. Namely, the celebration of Jesus's birth in just a few weeks.

God, who began the good work in you, will continue to complete it in each of these senses. As the community of the people of God, the Church, God's good work continues to be completed in us as Christ's body, from generation to generation, until his return. In the long view of our lives, which may be shorter than we can imagine, his work continues until the day we die. Of course, Jesus also comes today. Are we ready for the opportunities today brings to grow in love and holiness? Don't miss it. It is the last sense, however, that I'd like to focus on. What is the good work God is doing in you during Advent this year? You see, the first sense helps us to see our place in the wider (and longer) community, that we have a part to play beyond our own lives. The second helps us to understand our growth in Christian maturity and love over the course of our lives, the gift of repentance and renewal. The third develops within us the urgency of making today count. The fourth sense, that of preparing for a coming day, allows us to think about short term goals and what steps we will take to reach those goals.

This is not, necessarily, the way most of us think about our spiritual lives. Most of us may reflect on the overall course of our lives (*like the life of Mary, from the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption*) or about the urgency of today (*like John the Baptist*). Sometimes, we may recognize that we are part of a longer timeline and bigger community to give of ourselves for a result we will not get to see (*like Moses*). Less common are concrete goals and action steps we will take for a specific time period. I have to admit, these need to be more limited in scope and it's harder, when we know we are meant for more, to focus on small steps and goals. For example, because I know I need to be more patient or perfectly patient, it's harder for me to make a goal of being patient at traffic lights because it doesn't seem significant enough. Or, because I should forgive everyone, it's hard to make the goal to forgive just one person. Or, because I should pray continuously, it's hard to make the goal to pray for two minutes every morning. This is, however, the gift of a season like Advent. It fills in the gap between the urgency of today and the trajectory of our lives. It is the bite sized opportunity to grow.

So, what are one or two specific and concise goals you have for the remainder of Advent? What are the steps you will take to get there? Write them down and begin. I am confident that the one who has begun this good work in you will bring it to completion by Christmas.

Fr. Jeff

## Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert, Maggie Spink, Charles Gazaway

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Dawn Wibbels

Gift Bearers: Jim and Diana Duggins

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Charlotte Barton

Hospitality Ministers: Bobby Camfield, Jimmy York

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



**Ministry Team**

## 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.*





**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.

**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 Ilikkal, 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).



**Retirement Fund for Religious...**the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held TODAY. 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.

**Parenting Pointers...** December 13th is the Feast of St. Lucia (Lucy), a virgin who brought gifts to the poor around the winter solstice. Her name means light. You may already be lighting Advent candles as you approach Christmas. As you light two candles today, tell your children the story of St. Lucia.

**Marriage Moments...** Marital arguments sometimes go round in circles with each spouse trying to prove they were right. Sometimes you are right, but that's not the point. If you can recognize part of the argument that you were wrong in, simply saying "I was wrong" can help. Resist following it with "But..."

**Central Louisville Community Ministries....**Personal items

needed are: bar soap, body lotion, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, laundry soap (liquid or pods), shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please bring next week. We will continue to collect on the third Sunday of each month.



**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.



### Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Zephaniah 3:14-18a

2nd Reading—Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading—Luke 3:10-18



### December 2nd, 2018 Collection Report

\$4230.00	Needed for weekly expenses
\$7525.00	Regular Collection
\$548.00	Online Collection
\$8063.00	Total Weekly Collection
+\$3833.00	Over for the week
\$1510.00	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

As we enter the second week of Advent, we are invited to reflect on how prepared we are for the Lord's coming. Are there mountains and other obstacles in our path that block our way to holiness? Are there valleys and deserts that bring us low and leave us weak? We turn to God to receive the grace to overcome our troubles and pitfalls and allow us to ready our hearts for Jesus.

### Today's Focus: Being Christ-ened

In Baptism we were named for Christ. This means that every day we are called upon to look around us for the presence of Christ in the world, and to live so that others see Christ present in us.

## PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD



### Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus walked this earth, breathed the air, enjoyed the sunshine, had meaningful relationships, and ultimately suffered death. Though put to death by the state, he was raised up by God, giving us the paschal mystery. His story is not myth, make believe, or something we simply tell children so they will be nice to one another. On this second Sunday of Advent we pause to reflect on Jesus' historical circumstances and our own, knowing that death is not the end.

*"And this is my prayer, that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." Philipians 1:9-10*

### Consider/Discuss

*How does god bring to completion the good work begun in you by Jesus Christ?*