

Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

February 10th, 2019

Reconciliation

Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass

8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours

9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

February 10th ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Bob Ray)*

8:30 AM ~ JoLee McGrath +/James McGrath Wedding Anniversary

11 AM ~ Robin Duffy +

February 17th ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Adam)*

8:30 AM ~ Paula Schnurr Bayens +/ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Couples Married at St. Boniface

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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“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.’ Simon said in reply, ‘Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, ‘Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.’ ...Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’ When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

We can feel it. Family members have left the church. Friends who had been very active rarely come to mass or volunteer at the parish any more. Children or grandchildren have no time or interest in traditional faith or practice. Many studies from a variety of organizations such as Gallup, Pew, the Barna Group, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), Notre Dame, the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI), and Dynamic Catholic confirm it. More people are leaving the church: some become Protestant, but a growing number simply disaffiliate from religion all together. This is especially true for younger generations where 39% or more claim no religious affiliation. Among those who remain affiliated, fewer are going to mass weekly or monthly by nearly a percentage point per year. Engagement is down and less than 7% of Catholics account for 80% of volunteer time and financial contributions. Taken as a whole, few fish are in our nets and more and more are jumping out of the boat.

There are plenty of reasons: mean or incompetent priests, hypocritical or judgmental parishioners, shallow or irrelevant worship, betrayal of trust by leadership, lack of family commitment (not passing on the faith), poor religious instruction, and many other issues have been cited. The recent data shows, however, that something bigger is at work. Most people who leave have stopped believing in the teachings of the church (including the biggies like the existence of God). Participation statistics are beginning to more clearly reflect a lack of belief. In one sense, people are acting with greater integrity, which is good, but it should still break our hearts. As a recent song lyric put it, “If you love someone and you’re not afraid to lose them, you’ve never loved someone like I do.” Out of love, I am afraid to lose those who are leaving.

Is there a solution? We have tried and are trying many things. Fishing all night, if you will. Some have been successful. In assessing success, however, we have to be mindful that some success has simply been increasing a slice of the pie for a particular parish when the overall pie continues to get smaller. Some success has catered to those who remain and fostered a sense of consumerism among us. It has met our needs, but not the needs of those who are leaving. True success is not magic or easy. It is relational and consuming and, ultimately, the solution is God’s.

Here’s my thought: put out into the deep. First, go deep in each of our own relationships with God. Encounter Jesus where he makes us uncomfortable. Seek an authentic experience of the divine and an authentic living faith. Love until it hurts. Second, go deep in our relationships with each other. Recognize Jesus in each other. Don’t be satisfied to have plastic encounters, but go beyond our facades and share our hearts. Share our lives together. Third, go deep in service to the world. Remember, Jesus’s victory was death on a cross. Move beyond self interest to a generous and open hearted response to real need. Our net, if you will, is authentic faith, genuine community, and loving service, but the real work, in us and through us, is God’s. May we be renewed and place our trust in him, put out into the deep and follow him.

Duc In Altum.

Fr. Jeff

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy

Zirnheld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen

Hilbert, Maggie Spink

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: Charlotte

Barton

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

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





Announcing...

We are happy to announce... that Ryan McEldowney has officially accepted an offer

from Fr. Jeff to take on responsibility as the Director of Worship for Saint Boniface parish with a start date of July 1st. We want to express our deep gratitude to Bill Lincoln who has agreed to remain in that position until Ryan's arrival. Ryan is a native of Wisconsin, has worked in several parishes very similar to Saint Boniface, and most recently is leaving a position at Saint Francis DeSales Seminary as their Director of Liturgical Music. He and his family are moving to Louisville so that he can attend the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. We look forward to meeting, and hearing, Ryan when he visits with the parish in the coming months.

Save the Date....The 2019 Nativity Auction "Celebrating Our 15 Year Anniversary" will be held on Friday, March 22nd at Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center. Here are some of the ways you can help make this event a success!

- Join us for an evening celebrating with Friends "Nativity's 15th Anniversary"
- Purchase a \$50.00 raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10,000
- Make a cash donation or donate a Gift Card for our Silent Auction.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after the 11 am Mass TODAY. You can also go online and view our live auction items, purchase an admission tickets, or take a chance on our wheel items. Visit www.nativitylouisville.org/auction-items/ or contact Jeri Johnson 502.855.3315 or jjohnson@nativityacademy.org for more information.

Save the Date...Join St. John Center for Homeless Men as they carry the traditions from the 1920's Harlem Rent Parties, when neighbors would come together for a party to raise rent for their neighbors. St. John's housed 193 men this year...let's raise rent and help even more men into housing next year. The event will be on Saturday, March 2nd from 7- 11 pm at the Mellwood Art Center. Enjoy food, drink, music, auctions and raffle items. Tickets are \$40 each. Call 502.568.6758 for more information.

Marriage Moments... "Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests..." (1 Cor. 13:5) which of these negative qualities is your spouse best at avoiding?

On with Life...a Catholic support group for the widowed, meets at Mary Queen of Peace on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 pm.

WOW...Widows or Widowers meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 pm at St. John Paul II—Gallagher Hall.

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.

Parenting Pointers... February is Black History month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month by reading, a movie, or personal contact. It might be a challenge to get out of your bubble whether it be black, white, or something in between. Do it anyway.

Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...For the February episode of Conversations with the Archbishop, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss marriage in the Catholic Church and answer some questions from viewers. Archbishop also welcomes guest Jessica Wade, A Focus (fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary serving at the University of Louisville.

Parenting Workshop..."10 Ways to stop defiance, disrespect and yelling" is a FREE workshop with no need to register. It is being sponsored by Holy Trinity Parish and will be held at the parish Clifton Campus (2117 Payne St.) on Thursday, February 28th from 7—9 pm. Celebrate Calm Founder Kirk Martin and his son, Casey, who will provide parents and teachers with a dozen strategies that will eliminate defiance, disrespect yelling, bullying, sibling fights. Kirk provides concrete practical strategies that work with kids ages 2—22 in everyday situations.

- Get your kids to listen the first time
- Stop defiance, disrespect and yelling
- Stop whining, tantrums and sibling fights
- Get kids off video games/screens without a fight
- Create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Jeremiah 17:5-8

2nd Reading—

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Reading—Luke 6:17, 20-26



February 3rd, 2019 Collection Report

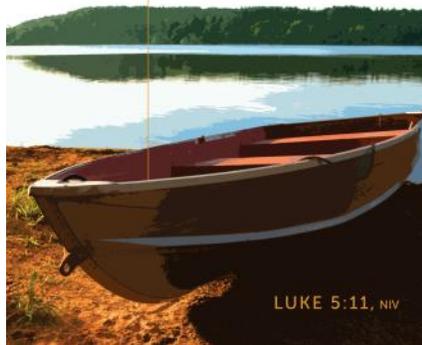
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| \$4,230.00 | Weekly Budget |
| \$3,583.00 | Stewardship |
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Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We are called to be disciples of Jesus. It is not enough just to believe; we are asked to take up our crosses and follow him. We are challenged to make sacrifices. We are challenged to live out our faith. We are challenged to be the face of Jesus to those whom we meet. As we celebrate Mass today, let us look for ways that we can better live out our faith.

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



Today's Focus: I am what I am

There may be no task more difficult than seeing ourselves for who we truly are, and striving to see ourselves as God sees us. God, who made us, continues to look upon us as good.

Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus provides more than enough. There is bounty with him who surpasses every expectation. When experience teaches Simon that there is no hope, or no use in trying. Jesus encourages him nonetheless and provides excess. This dramatic scene captures something of the initial excitement, humility, and genius that often accompanies the early stages of true discipleship. It is then that we die to our own preconceived notions and our own experience, and open ourselves up to the munificence of the divine.

*"...Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' When they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him."
Luke 5:10-11*

Consider/Discuss

Complete the sentence: "I am..."