

Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

February 3rd, 2019

Reconciliation
Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass
8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours
9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

February 3rd ~ The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Jeff)

8:30 AM ~ Mariana Steckermier +/People of the Parish 11 AM ~ Ann Trott+

February 10th ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Adam)

8:30 AM ~ JoLee McGrath +/James McGrath Wedding Anniversary 11 AM ~ Robin Duffy +

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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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***“Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
It is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood
over injury, it does not rejoice over
wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.”***



Truth. In the generic sense, I am a skeptic. I don't hold a philosophical position that knowledge is impossible, but I do tend toward greater trust in rational thought and verifiable data. I am slow to accept popular opinions just because they are popular and I question common assumptions. I would probably be the guy that wants to put my finger in the wound in Jesus's side. I am suspicious of pat or easy answers, emotional decisions, and extraordinary claims. I cringe at superstition, secret knowledge, or magical powers. I explore and test ideas from multiple perspectives, evaluate possibilities from every angle, and rejoice in concrete solutions. I desire to learn, expand my knowledge, and do what works.

Beauty. At the same time, I am an artist (a painter, specifically). I see beauty all around and can be brought to tears by a sunset. I long to create, find the deeper meaning, and experience the symbolic. I can imagine the smells, sounds, and feelings of a painting. I would probably be the guy during the last supper reclining at Jesus's side. I am passionate, changed by experience, and open to profound insights. My life is enriched by poetry, music, architecture, fiction, nature, photography, drama, dance, and craft. I scoff at the ordinary, mediocre, and boring. I can be cut to the core. I seek the transcendent, unique, and unexpected. I desire to feel, expand my experience, and do what transforms.

It's amazing that I haven't ended up as a pragmatic atheist or a casual drug user (there but for the grace of God go !!). What has made the difference? What has integrated these disparate facets of my personality? Only love.

The one true and beautiful thing I have found is love. Or, maybe I should say, love found me. From the origin of the universe to its destiny, love provides a coherent principle for understanding existence. To contemplate the possibility of a deity, love provides a robust and consistent identity. To imagine the possibility of God becoming a human, love provides the capacity and the purpose. To understand suffering, love provides the connection. To define the human person, love provides the terms. Love can answer all the questions.

But even more than that, we know that we are made for love. All of our aspirations and dreams can be fulfilled in love. Our wounds and imperfections can be healed by love. Our decisions and actions can be empowered through love. Our eyes are raised, our hearts set free, and our spirits enflamed because of love. Our experience teaches us that limited human love is good, but not enough. The only love that can satiate our desire is an infinite and eternal love. The only love that fulfills us is a perfect love. We need a divine love. It is our source, our means, and our end. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16). Love is true and beautiful. And love never fails.

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:

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim and Diana

Duggins, Carlott Ingram, 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.*





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 both Masses 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.

Parenting Pointers... "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:4) Even before your child was born you had hopes for him or her. Even before you conceived, you had hopes. If you adopted your child, you wondered how this person would grow and change you. Ponder how God knows you and your child even more deeply than the surface knowledge you now have.

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.

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary

Mass...Couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 years of marriage in 2019 and their families are invited to a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz. Saturday, February 16, 4:00 p.m., St. Raphael Parish, 2900 Bardstown Road. Call your parish secretary to register. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 6th.**



Presentation Academy Trivia Night...

The Presentation Academy Parent Association is hosting a Trivia Night on February 9th from 6-10 pm. The cost is \$160 for a table of eight people. Prizes will be awarded for trivia winners and best decorated tables. The event will be held at Presentation Academy's Arts and Athletics Center at 900 S. 4th St. across from the main academic building. Concessions will be available for purchase, and participants are also allowed to bring their own food and beverages. To reserve your table, please contact front office manager Dawn Needham at dneedham@presentationacademy.org.

Marriage Moments... "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 Cor. 13:4) Which of these qualities is your spouse strongest in?

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.



Next week's readings....
 1st Reading—
 Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
 2nd Reading—1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Gospel Reading—Luke 5:1-11



January 27th, 2019 Collection Report

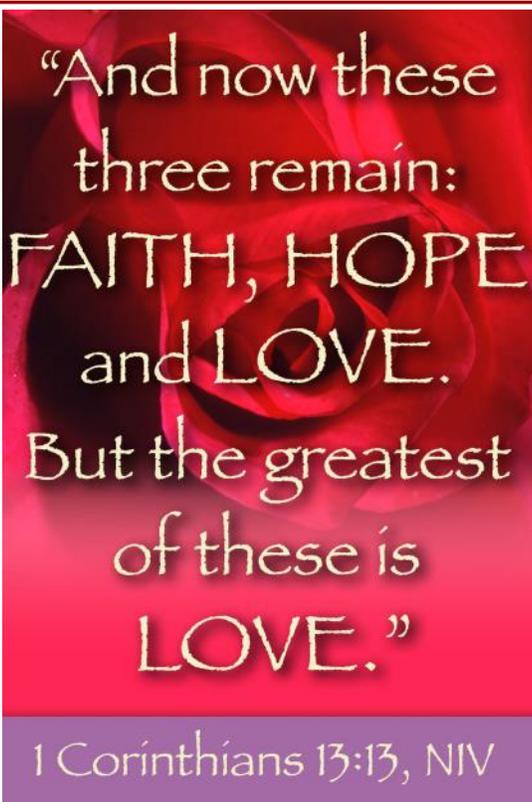
\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$4,851.00	Stewardship
\$621.00	Over for the week

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
 Expectations have a habit of tripping us up. We think we have it all figured out. We know what to expect. But then something happens to surprise us and we have to decide whether to believe it or not. Is this for real? The folks in Nazareth had expectations of their native son. This "son of Joseph" couldn't possibly be the Anointed One, could he? God has a habit of surprising us, of defying our expectations.

"And now these three remain:
FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.
 But the greatest of these is **LOVE.**"

1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV



Reflection on the Gospel
 Difficult though it may be, it's good for us to be open to the unexpected. But sometimes our first reaction can be like the townspeople of Nazareth, and we can seek to destroy the messenger. Allowing new information to influence us and ultimately to shape or even change our minds is a laborious process. We let go of the past; we let go of our old ways of thinking and embrace something new. This process reflects the paschal mystery.

Today's Focus:
The Prophetic Job Description
 "Must not be afraid to stand up to people power, face lots of rejection, be relentless in proclaiming God's mercy, and offer comfort and consolation in times of trial." Applicants?

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."
 Jeremiah 1:5*

Consider/Discuss
How have you experienced resistance to announcing God's word?