

Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

January 13th, 2019

Reconciliation
Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass
8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours
9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

January 13th ~ The Baptism of the Lord *(Fr. Adam)*

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Mr. and Mrs. Sherell Schreiber +

January 20th ~ The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Jeff)*

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Irv Foley +

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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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Baptism and Gratitude

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" ~ Luke 3:16

In terms of words used, Saint Luke has little to say about the actual Baptism of Our Lord, the solemnity which we celebrate this Sunday.

This does not mean, however, that these words of Sacred Scripture are without meaning. We can ascertain several realities from these few lines regarding Christ's baptism in the river Jordan: 1. Christ did not need Baptism, for even John the Baptist recognized that the baptism of Christ, and those that followed after him, would be more powerful than the baptism of the one who went before him. 2. Nevertheless, Christ was baptized and so baptism is important for Christ and His mission. 3. Like baptism, Christ had no need of receiving the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was, is, and will always be one with the Holy Spirit, and with God the Father - they are the Trinity - One God, Three Persons. He had no need of receiving the Holy Spirit and yet the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and God the Father is heard to proclaim 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.' What this does is reveals the Trinity to us, along with the connection between baptism and the Trinity. The Father speaks, the Son is baptized, and the Holy Spirit descends - a quick insight into Trinitarian theology! As long as one is baptized with water and the words 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,' that person is baptized now and forever.

The Baptism of Our Lord, like every other action that Jesus Christ undertakes, is an action based on complete gratuitousness - a big word that basically means he did not have to do so, but he did, out of love and a pure desire to do so. So what is our response to gratuity, or a simpler way of stating it - what is our response to God's grace? Gratitude. Gratuity, grace, and gratitude - easy enough to remember! Another gratuity that we may have some gratitude for? Our own baptism! How wonderful would it be for us, from time to time, to thank our parents for the gift of our baptism!?! Sure, most of us did not ask to be baptized, we didn't ask to be potty trained either - and I'm ready to thank your parents for that gracious gift! We can take today as a special reminder to thank our Lord for the gift of baptism, and for our parents passing on that great gift.

I have one more idea... Mother's Day and Father's Day aren't that far away; in the coming months I challenge you to find a picture of your baptism day and post that picture on Mother's Day, and Father's Day, in gratitude for your parent's grace-filled decision to have you baptized. Believe me, of all the gifts your parents have given you, you have not used any other gift as much as you have made use of this one.

Fr. Adam

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy Zirnheld

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

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Paul Wright, Debbie Hornback

Lector: Susan Foley

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Charlotte Barton, Jean Skaggs

Hospitality Ministers:

If you are interesting in serving please contact Charles Gazaway at 502.553.0317 or



Ministry Team

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Prayer Requests

Bob Camfield
Scott McCoy
Al Pepper
Jeff Wenzel

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



Conversations...For the January episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the top ten good news stories in the Archdiocese and the theology of stewardship. Archbishop also welcomes guest Mother Paul Magyar, LSP to talk about the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the 150th anniversary of the order's presence in the United States and in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Parenting Pointers... January 13th is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. If your children are old enough recount with them the story of their baptism. If you can remember, tell the story of your own baptism and what it has meant to you.

Marriage Moments... It's New Year's resolution time. Even if you've already broken some resolutions, recommit to putting your beloved first—In words, in acts of kindness, in attention.

 **Nativity Academy at St. Boniface...**would like to thank you for your gifts towards the Angel Tree project. We are so blessed to have so many that believe in our mission and offer such generous support. You have made this season very special for our students and their families. We are grateful for you.

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.



Opportunities for Life...Next weekend, all four Kentucky dioceses will take up a collection on the Sunday in the week of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (January 22nd), as a part of the bishops' unified message advocating for a pro-life culture in Kentucky. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, funds from this collection will provide resources to pregnant women and new families in crisis, including material assistance and grant support for programming at Catholic Charities and other pregnancy resource centers.

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.**



Did you know... that Kentucky is currently at the highest number of children in out of home care ever recorded? Over 8000 children have been removed from their biological homes due to substance abuse by the birth family, domestic violence, or some type of abuse or trauma to the children. Their need for foster and/or adoptive homes is greater than ever. Do you have love to give? If not you, then who? Foster the future—give a child a home. For more information: contact Samantha Frisby samanthac@sjkids.org or 502.893.0241 x293.

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—Isaiah 62:1-5
2nd Reading—1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel Reading—John 2:1-11

January 6th, 2019 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$3,461.00	Stewardship
\$(769.00)	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

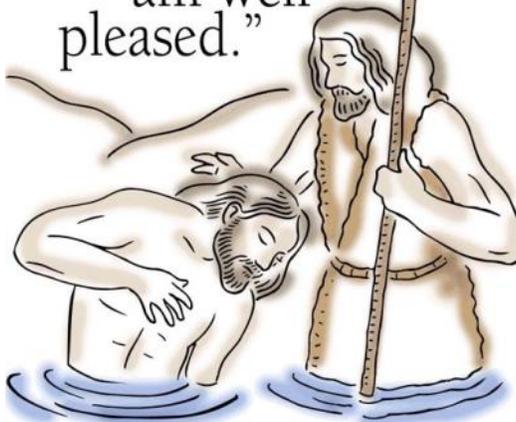
We conclude the Christmas season today with the feast of the Lords' baptism. Saint Luke has already told us how the angels, the shepherds, and the magi have attested to the holiness of this child. Today we hear God call out from the heavens,, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Let us each reflect today on our own baptism, when we were recognized as a child of God. May God be well pleased..

Today's Focus: Clothed in a New Creation

The baptismal garment is an outward symbol of the brightness and glory of Christ, in which we are wrapped—even swaddled—on our baptismal day and every day of discipleship.

And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my Son,
whom I love;
with you I
am well
pleased."



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Reflection on the Gospel

As indicated by the gospels, the ministry of Jesus began at or shortly after his baptism. And Luke shows that the Holy Spirit was active at this time, descending upon Jesus "in bodily form like a dove." Further, Luke is also the only evangelist to say that Jesus was at prayer during this event. If Luke is certain to show us that Jesus prayed, we are sure to see this as an example for our own lives. We are to pray as well, animated by the Highly Spirit as Jesus was.

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also has been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove."

Consider/Discuss

What difference does putting on Christ in Baptism really make in your life?