

Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

January 27th, 2019

**Reconciliation**

Sundays  
10:15 - 10:45 AM

**Sunday Mass**

8:30 & 11 AM

**Office Hours**

9 AM - 2 PM  
Monday - Thursday

**January 27th ~ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Fr. Adam)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Estille Dobson +, Omar Cox +, Thomas Skaggs +

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

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

11 AM ~ Ann Trott+

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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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***"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."***



*Author's note: I made a mistake. Last week I wrote my reflection on this week's readings. In order to get back on track, this article is based on last week's readings. Next week, provided I don't make the same mistake again, we should be back on schedule. Thanks for reading!*

Sometimes we can think of our spiritual journey as an individual call to holiness: my relationship with God, my growth, my struggles with sin, my gifts, my meaning, or my purpose. There is a necessary and good sense in which our spiritual lives are personal. We should realize that God's love is personal and we should take a certain ownership of our own actions and engagement with God, the Church, and all the world. The problem arises when we think of this aspect of our faith as the only or primary lens through which we look. We can end up setting ourselves up as the central beneficiary of the actions of God and everyone else. It becomes all about *me*. We can experience our faith as simply consumers or customers and judge everything based on how it benefits me. How I spend my time, use my talents, or give my money become a type of exchange for what I feel I have already received. Is it worth it? Was it earned? It is sort of like tipping a waiter.

Last Sunday, as I was leaving St. Boniface, I got stopped at a red light. Out of the cold and snow, a frail elderly woman without enough clothes on to be warm approached my car. Now, it was a bold move seemingly born of desperation to come off the sidewalk and to ask for money from a stranger who happened to be stopped at a red light. Although I know there are arguments not to do this (which, if it is your policy should also be met with systemic action to assist the homeless and poor), I always give of what I have and take the opportunity to value the dignity of the person, looking them in the eye, finding out their name, and conversing if possible. I pulled out my wallet and said, "All I have is a twenty," as I handed it to her. Her eyes welled up with tears even as a huge smile spread across her face. Amazed, she gushed gratitude and exuded joy. I couldn't help but share in her delight. The light changed, but I had received more of an emotional payoff that lasted longer than spending that twenty bucks on a movie. We often say that we receive more than we give and I did, but it was not my motivation. It was a small act of love for the benefit of a fellow human being. It wasn't done for what I would receive (trust me, the payoff usually isn't that great).

God is a giver of gifts to those who don't deserve them. The Holy Spirit has given much to each of us. We are not simply customers, however, who have received a product for our own benefit. To each individual gifts are given for some benefit, but for whose benefit? To be like God, to be holy, our gifts are meant to be given away or used for the benefit of others. We are each on a personal journey of love with God, but that necessarily includes others and, even, all of God's creation. We are personally and as a community called to be saints, givers, or lovers, those who act in love: to act for the benefit of another regardless of the personal cost. It is a journey initiated by God for the good of others. In this way, God has chosen us to be partners in his mission. Like Mary at the wedding banquet in Cana, God acts in and through our action. It is not all about me, but about letting God's gifts flow through me to others. That's the destination for our journey, our call to holiness and love. We don't just tip for service, we become givers, lovers, and saints.

Fr. Jeff

## Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy

Zirnheld

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Williams,

Maggie Spink

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook,

Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Paul Wright, Debbie

Hornback

Lector: Susan Foley

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean Skaggs,

Joan Dobson, Jeanette Cox

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.

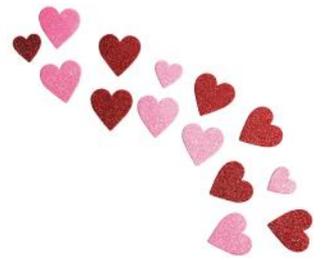
Raffle tickets will be on sale after both Masses on February 3rd. You can also go online and view our live auction items, purchase an admission tickets, or take a chance on our wheel items. Visit [www.nativitylouisville.org/auction-items/](http://www.nativitylouisville.org/auction-items/) or contact Jeri Johnson 502.855.3315 or [jjohnson@nativityacademy.org](mailto:jjohnson@nativityacademy.org) for more information.

**Parenting Pointers...** Has the new year already overwhelmed you? Is your To Do list already too long? Does it feel like there just isn't enough time? Remember, "the best minute you spend is the one you invest in people." (Ken Blanchard).

**Marriage Moments...** Ground Hog Day is coming up on February 2nd. Remember the movie? Is there any recurring bad memory or habit that you'd like to change in your marriage? Substitute a newer, positive one. Repeat—over and over again.

**St. John Center Collection...**will be on the First Sunday of the month, which is next weekend. They are in need of ground coffee, coffee creamer, sugar, artificial sweetener, coffee stirs, 55 gallon drumliners, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, rain ponchos, disposable razors, bathroom deodorizer spray, q-tips, copy paper, stamps, gift cards (Kroger, Walmart, Target, etc)

**Seniors...**will meet on Saturday, February 2nd at noon for our annual Valentine's Day Party. This event will be a catered lunch and we will play bingo. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, January 30th.



**Save the Date...**St. John Center's annual "Raisin' the Rent" will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at Mellwood Art and Entertainment Center. Hors d'oeuvres will be catered by The Bristol. Emcee will be Kelly K from WDJX and music by Masters of Music. 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](mailto:dneedham@presentationacademy.org).

**Next week's readings....**  
 1st Reading—  
 Nehemiah Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19  
 2nd Reading—1 Corinthians 12:31-  
 13:13  
 Gospel Reading—Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

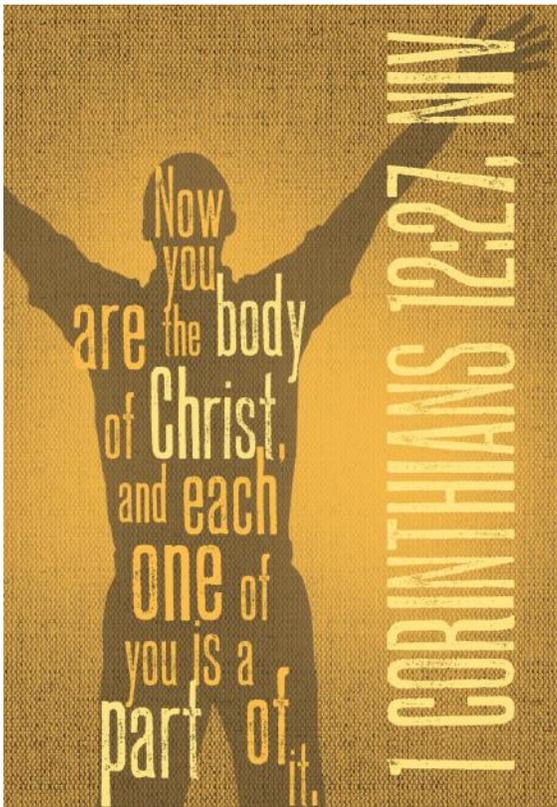


**January 20th, 2019 Collection Report**

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$1,170.00	Stewardship
\$(3,060.00)	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 gather today, as we do every Sunday, as the Body of Christ. We are called to be Christ in the world through our words and actions. Saint Paul teaches us that we are called to be parts of Christ's body. Individually we are many parts, but together we are one. As we begin to observe Catholic Schools Week today, let Paul's words provide a valuable lesson for us to learn.



**Reflection on the Gospel**  
 Jesus brought glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. If we want to be his followers, it is up to us to act as he did. Jesus does not talk here about prayer, or doing liturgy, or even going to church. The ministry of Jesus is action in the world. And this action upends the powerful and the privileged and leads to Jesus' death. Are we content to dimply read about his ministry, or will we practice it too?

**Today's Focus:  
 All God's Children**  
 Those who don't look like us, or think or talk like us, or agree with us—how difficult it is to see all people as God's children, all of us loved by God.

*"But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended...indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary..." 1 Corinthians 12:18,22*

**Consider/Discuss**  
*What makes it difficult for you to see someone or some group as children of God?*