

Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

June 2nd, 2019

Reconciliation

Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass

8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours

9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

June 2nd ~ The Ascension of the Lord (Fr. Adam)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish/Tony Marasa +

11 AM ~ Irv Foley+

June 9th ~ Pentecost (Fr. Adam)

10:00 AM ~ Ann Trott + (Feast Day Luncheon after Mass in the cafeteria)

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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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"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'"

My life has been filled with change. As a child of an Army officer, I lived in multiple cities before I entered school. My preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, third grade and fourth grade were all in different schools. A new high school and then off to college. A year of intelligence training for the Air Force in San Angelo, Texas. A year in Seoul, Korea. A year in Missouri, with three months in Saudi Arabia. I left the Air Force for seminary, and left seminary three semesters later to move back to Louisville, where I lived for three years. After three and a half years back in seminary (of course, every year in college and seminary involved packing everything up for the summer and returning to a new room), I spent a year at Immaculate Conception Parish in La Grange and a year at St. James Parish In Elizabethtown. I lived for three and a half years at St. Lawrence after spending six months in an apartment, two years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, two years in Boston, Kentucky, and almost five years now in three rectories with St. Pats and St. Boniface. And that's all mostly just geography.

There have been many more transitions: assignments, jobs, responsibilities and relationships that have changed. It is not easy, in general, and saying goodbye may be the hardest. It is also one of the most important. When I left Korea, I had done a poor job of saying goodbye. I did not take the time to visit with friends I would never see again, share how important they had been in my life, or honor the depth of our friendships. I thought it was too hard to do. As my plane took off from Incheon International Airport, a wave of emotion washed over me. With deep regret, tears rolled down my cheeks. It was so final and I had been so shallow. While I haven't been perfect since then, I resolved and have made the effort to really say goodbye. It is not easy, but it is necessary. When an end is unresolved, we can get stuck. Looking at the sky, as it were. Or we may focus on the future, with anticipation or anxiety for that which is to come.

We can look back and see how God has worked in our lives, which grounds us, and we can look forward with hope to envision where God is calling us, which inspires us. We can only, however, experience God in the here and now. It is at this moment and in this place where God dwells with his people. In our lives, God is present at this precise time and in this precise location. God is where and God is when we are. When we think of God in himself, we know God is eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. Outside of time itself, God is ever present, all powerful, and all knowing. We are not. In our experience of God, for the most part, God constrains himself for our sake to this time, this place, in the limitations of what we do and what we know. In the incarnation, God emptied himself to become one of us in Jesus. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within each of us as bodily temples. God enters our limitations to be with us here and now.

This month we will be experiencing a number of transitions. Saying goodbye to some and hello to others. We will honor the past and look forward to the future, but we must be mindful of the present. We should savor and be attentive to each moment as it comes and make the effort to honor our relationships. Longing for a past or yearning for a future can get us stuck. Let's seek, instead, to recognize God's presence in the here and now.

Fr. Jeff

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Charles Gazaway

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy

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Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen

Hilbert, Maggie Spink, Fred

Williams

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook,

Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Susan Foley

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Clare Radaker,

Carlotta Ingram, Jean Skaggs

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

Sue Ronald

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





St. Boniface Feast Day Luncheon... will be held on Sunday, June 9th after Mass. We will have only ONE MASS that Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

Parenting Pointers... "Always be a first-rate version of yourself instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." (Judy Garland) Do your children know who Judy Garland is? Maybe it's time to watch *Wizard of Oz* again.

P.A.L. Parents of Addicted Loved Ones... is a support group of parents helping parents. We will meet every week to offer addiction education and support, at no charge, for parents who are trying to save a son or daughter from addiction. We will continue to meet at 6:00 p.m. at St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 2900 Bardstown Rd. We will meet in the Raphael Room. For more information please contact Michelle: mmeeks13@bellsouth.net or Mary at 502.609.0926.



Crusade for Children... Since 1955, the Archdiocese of Louisville has contributed millions of dollars to the Crusade for Children. This community-wide effort changes the lives of children with special needs, and many families in the Archdiocese have benefited directly from the Crusade as have our schools, which receive grants to assist students with diverse learning needs. TODAY, we will be collecting donations for the Crusade. If giving by check, please make your check payable to the parish and put the "Crusade" in the memo line.

Marriage Moments... Ascension "Thursday" is often celebrated on the nearest Sunday. Let's not be picky about dates but find a way to "lift up" your spouse today—a compliment, a favor, or maybe just be silly and fly a kite together.

Join us... TODAY, June 2nd at 3 p.m. for Louisville's own Voces Novae. Voces Novae is a **unique**, semi-professional choral ensemble conducted by Frank A. Heller, III, its founding Artistic Director. Now in its 25th season, the ensemble was founded in 1993 and is composed of 50 to 60 selectively auditioned singers from the Louisville and Southern Indiana metropolitan area. Adult tickets are \$20, Seniors \$15 and Students/Children \$10. A link to buy tickets is available on our website www.stbonifaceparish.com, click on the Home link, then the News link.

Catholic World Missions

Collection... Next weekend, our parish will take up donations for the Mission Collection, which supports the Catholic Home Missions and international missionary agencies, such as the Propagation of the Faith. Your donations help the Church's missionary work, providing monetary assistance for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in the United States, Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Donations fund the education and support of seminarians, religious novices, and lay catechists; the work of religious communities in educations, health care, and social services; communications and transportation needs; disaster and emergency relief when necessary; and the Church's ministry to children.



Save the Date... St.

Joseph's Annual Picnic will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 9th and 10th. 2019 makes the 170th year for the Picnic, making this favorite community event older



than the Kentucky Derby! As a volunteer driven event, the Picnic has a rich tradition of churches, organizations, and families who have been part of the Picnic for multiple generations. If you would like to sign up to run a booth, or if you want more information about volunteering at the Picnic, contact Kortney at 893.0241 x273 or email kortneyt@sjkids.org.

Sacred Heart Schools Summer Camps...

Greetings from the most wonderful place to be this summer: Sacred Heart summer camps!



We've preserved the fun of summer camp but elevated the experience—there's nothing retro about this year's lineup of activities. We have more to offer than ever, including: STEM, athletics, coding, entrepreneurship, photography, arts, dance, drama, musical theater and more. From outstanding coaches and teachers, to a wide range of activities—unforgettable adventure awaits at Sacred Heart summer camps! For registration and a complete list of camps go to: www.shslou.org/summercamps

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading—1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel Reading—John 20:19-23

May 26th, 2019 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$3,393.00	Stewardship
\$(837.00)	Under for the week

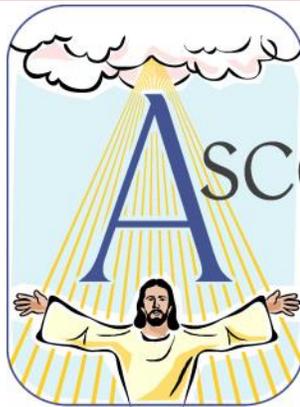
Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today marks a bittersweet day for the apostles. On the one hand, the Risen Lord is now ascended to be with the Father in heaven. On the other hand, he is no longer physically present on earth with them. Christ is—and will always be—the head of the Church, but before he ascended he placed it in the hands of the disciples. Today, we the Church celebrate Christ's ascension by carrying on the mission of the first disciples: witnessing to the Risen Lord to the ends of the earth.

Today's Focus: Breaking the Silence

Christian life will have its time of reverence and awe, times when we look to the heavens in silence. But we are also called upon to break the stillness of those moments to go forth with the Good News.



Ascension Day

Reflection on the Gospel

The ascension is not so much about a physically present Jesus floating up and up into the clouds as it is a theologically sophisticated concept proclaiming his eternal presence with the Father in glory. When we take this image too literally we miss the theological truth it attempts to convey. We are reminded that rising with Christ is rising to new life, no longer to be subject to death. Rising with Christ is rising to glory with the Father, which is much more profound than flying wingless through the sky.

"Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus praying saying: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one...'" John 17:20-21

Consider/Discuss

*Describe an experience that left you speechless or unable to move beyond it?
Why?*