

Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

March 17th, 2019

**Reconciliation**

Sundays  
10:15 - 10:45 AM

**Sunday Mass**

8:30 & 11 AM

**Office Hours**

9 AM - 2 PM  
Monday - Thursday

**March 17th ~ Second Sunday of Lent** (Fr. Adam)

8:30 AM ~ Ella Schnurr +

11 AM ~ People of the Parish

**March 24th ~ Third Sunday of Lent** (Fr. Adam)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish

11 AM ~ Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeGrella +

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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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**"The Lord God took Abram outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,' he added, 'shall your descendants be.' Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness."**

From an elevation of 6,700 feet on a trail near the Philmont Scout Ranch base camp in northern New Mexico on a crystal clear night with low humidity, no moon, and little light pollution, I looked up at the night sky overwhelmed by the beauty of the stars and the amazing swath of brightness from horizon to horizon that is the galactic plane of the Milky Way. It was awesome in the most profound sense of awe inspiring. I felt both insignificant in the face of such beauty, immense distances from the stars, and the time necessary for light to travel so that I could see it on that night, and connected to the universe in an intimate way, there at that moment in that place. I sensed who I was and who I wasn't. It was a personal experience of the transcendent and I cried (just a bit). I counted it as a gift from God.

I can imagine thousands of years ago God taking Abram (soon to be Abraham) outside of his home in Hebron on a similarly dark night with low humidity near the mountains somewhere above 3,000 feet in elevation to look at the stars. He may have had a profound sense of who he was and who he wasn't, but, also, with God at his side, who he could be, personally and through his descendants, both close and far. God makes a twofold covenant with Abram for his descendants to number as the stars and for them to inherit the land as a great kingdom. Abram may have felt insignificant to receive such promises, with no children and a somewhat transient and relatively small, though thriving, household community. At the same time, he must have felt connected to God Most High (*El Elyon*, as named by Melchizedek, the priest, a few verses prior) as we see by Abram's faith. God made a promise and Abram believed. They entered into a covenant relationship. Abram may have even cried (just a bit) as he realized God's gift.

God outlines the boundaries of the land and the number of Abram's descendants. It's important not to take this too literally. It is possible, but uncertain, that at the height of Israel's success in the Davidic Kingdom, it's boundaries reached the extent of those promised by God, but it would have been fleeting. The stars in the observable universe are estimated, or underestimated, to number a septillion (1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000), way too many for Abram's descendants. At the high end, the number of stars that can be seen at one time by the human eye under ideal circumstances may be as many as 4,500, way too few. The number and the boundaries really aren't that important. Instead, it is offspring and land, a people and a place or, more intimately, family and home. The promise is both grand and personal. God's covenant with Abram is both big and small.

The covenant, in Jesus Christ, that God forms with each of us (and all of us) is the same. It is the very nature of our relationship with God and God's relationship with us: big and small, far and close, awe filled and intimate. God is transcendent and immanent. He is beyond all of time and space, yet within us and, sacramentally, even present in Jesus's body and blood that we receive. We are insignificant in relation to the vast power, presence, goodness, beauty, and truth of God while also connected intimately to him (and each other) because of love. In God, we find our true family. In God, we find our true home. By faith, it is who we are, who we aren't, and who we can be.

Fr. Jeff

## Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers: Cathy and Gary

Zirnheld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server:

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers: Nick and Judy Perri

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Charlotte Barton, Jean Skaggs

Hospitality Ministers: Susan Foley

*If you are interesting in serving please contact Charles Gazaway at 502.553.0317 or [cgazaway@outlook.com](mailto:cgazaway@outlook.com)*



## Prayer Requests

Precious Adams  
Bob Camfield  
Scott McCoy  
Al Pepper  
Paul Wright

*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 THIS 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.

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.

**The Office or Worship...** is offering formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on March 18th and 25th from 7—9 pm at St. Albert the Great, 1395 Girard Dr. Communion Minister Formation is a four hour program for those preparing to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well as those who are presently serving in this role but have not attended this program in the past. The sessions include the Theology of the Eucharist, Liturgical Ministry and the practical aspects of the role of Communion Minister. The program fulfills the training portion of the canonical mandate (5 year) required for this ministry. To register email: [worship@archlou.org](mailto:worship@archlou.org) or call 502.636.0296 ext. 1260.

**Parenting Pointers...** March 21st is National Single Parent Day. Give yourself a rest or a treat. Remember, parenthood is not limited to one gender. Male and females both carry responsibility for their child. If you are not a single parent, perhaps you can provide some of that rest or respite for a single parent that you know this weekend.

**Marriage Moments...** The Spring Equinox is Wednesday, March 20th. What does this have to do with marriage? Well, it may be a stretch, but since "equinox" is rooted in equality (the date that we have nearly equal light and dark) connect this with the tradition of spring cleaning. Consider cleaning together for an equal amount of time this week.

**Mark Your Calendar...**Catholic Men's Conference "Allowing Jesus to Find Me" will be held on Saturday, April 6th at St. Michael Church, 3705 Stone Lakes Dr., Louisville. Check-in and breakfast from 6—8 am. Conference from 8:15 am—1 pm. Keynote speaker is Steve Angrisano and Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. Pre-register prices are Adults \$30, and students \$15. Register online at [www.archlou.org/mensconference/](http://www.archlou.org/mensconference/)

**Seniors...**Will meet on Saturday, April 6th at noon. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, please bring a potluck dish to share. We will be making Derby fascinators.

**Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...**For the March episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss Pope Francis' Lenten message and a new video series, *Works of the People: The Catholic Mass*, produced by the Archdiocese to promote full, conscious, and active participation in the Mass. Archbishop also welcomes guest Father Wayne Jenkins to talk about the role of the pastor and how it has changed over the years.

**Assumption High School's...** Junior Class Beta Club members will be hosting the 17th annual "Senior Prom: That's Amoré" for senior citizens on Saturday, March 23rd from 2:00—4:00 pm in the Assumption Gym. The Prime Time Band with Horn will play music enjoyed by the seniors. There will be food and dancing at no cost. Please call in advance to reserve your place: Terry Langley or Erica Lasley, Assumption High School, 502.271.2531.



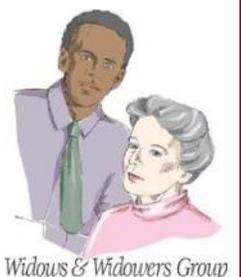
**P.A.L. Parents of Addicted Loved Ones...**is a support group of parents helping parents. We will meet every week to offer addiction education and support, at no charge, for parents who are

trying to save a son or daughter from addiction. We will begin on Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 pm at St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 2900 Bardstown Rd. We will meet in the Raphael Room. For more information please contact Michelle: [nmeeks13@bellsouth.net](mailto:nmeeks13@bellsouth.net) or Mary at 502.609.0923.

**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. This collection is today! We will continue to collect on the third Sunday of each month.

**On with Life...**will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm at Mary Queen of Peace, Marian Hall.

**WOW Widows or Widowers...**will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm at St. John Paul II, Gallagher Hall.



## Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading—

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Reading—Luke 13:1-9

## March 10th, 2019 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
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\$-694.00	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

Always on the First Sunday of Lent we hear Jesus being tempted by the devil during the forty days he spent in the desert. We too are beginning a forty-day period during which we are challenged to repent and reorient ourselves toward God. We face temptations every day that distract us from following the Lord or lead us away from God. May our gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist inspire us and nourish us in the weeks ahead.

## Today's Focus: More Than Partly Cloudy

Clouds are frequently present in scripture. A pillar of cloud led the Israelites through the desert, and the Abba of Jesus speaks from a cloud. When our lives seem cloudy, we can trust in God's guidance.



## Reflection on the Gospel

Peak experiences do not come often and they do not last. But they can become a touchstone, a marker to which we return mentally and spiritually at various points in our lives. Perhaps like Peter we want to "build a tent," or otherwise make a memorial to the event and the person(s) with whom we shared it. The encounter of the transfiguration informs our own peak experiences. They are a taste of the life that is to come, an eternal peak experience that

satisfies all longings.

*"Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us". Philippians 3:17*

## Consider/Discuss

*Describe an experience of God, Jesus, or the Spirit that change your life.*