



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

May 12th, 2019

Reconciliation

Sundays
10:15 - 10:45 AM

Sunday Mass

8:30 & 11 AM

Office Hours

9 AM - 2 PM
Monday - Thursday

May 12th ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter (*Fr. Goodin*)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish / Jerry Camfield+ 11 AM ~ Dorothy Camfield +

May 19th ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (*Fr. Adam*)

8:30 AM ~ Erna Roth 11 AM ~ People of the Parish/ Ann and Tom Brady

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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 the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.'

...The Jews, however...stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

When I was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, two friends I met through the base chapel programs were fundamentalist Christians. They were the hard core, the Roman Catholic Church is the whore of Babylon, kind of fundamentalists. They were good guys and their concern for me was authentic. As long as I remained in the Catholic Church, they were convinced, I would spend eternity burning in the fires of hell. I was willing to concede some wrongdoing, for we have been far from perfect, but dogmatically they were opposed to saints, the role of Mary, the Pope, hierarchy, ordination, confession, any formal liturgy, the role of works in salvation, tradition, most of the rest of the sacraments, and, especially, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Rather than being part of God's work and grace by which we enter more deeply into communion, they viewed these things as lies that blinded me to the truth and led me far away from God. We had some great conversations.

And I mean that. I had been involved with Protestant bible studies, prayer groups, retreats, courses, and churches for four years at that point. I had honed my understanding of my own Catholic faith, as well, using scripture, participating in the liturgy, going to Catholic religious education classes, attending Cursillo and TEC retreats, and reading the catechism cover to cover twice. One of my favorite quotes was from Archbishop Fulton Sheen who said, "There are not even 100 people in this country who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they think the Catholic Church to be." I rarely sought to win any arguments, but I did seek to bring understanding of the Church's real teachings (as best as I understood them) to my friends who had incorrect caricatures and, also, to learn more about their beliefs. I wasn't trying to convince them I was right, but to open their eyes by word and example to the possibility I wasn't wrong or going to hell—at least not for just being Catholic. It usually worked and I learned a lot.

I was prepared for my two Goodfellow friends, or so I thought. Occasionally, our conversations devolved into arguments. I would pause, breathe, and engage again from a different perspective. One time, the argument became so heated and the unwillingness on their part to hear what I was saying so staunch, that I stopped. I said something like, "This is unproductive and I'm not willing to continue unless we can seek the truth together and are willing to listen to each other." A little more strongly and paraphrasing Jesus, I said, "I won't throw pearls before swine." I walked out, thought that I had just lost two friends, and prayed for them. Two weeks later, they called, we all apologized, and we picked up our conversation about the Eucharist with respect and openness. They learned the truth of Catholic teaching and we became closer friends.

We are called to be faithful witnesses, sometimes with boldness, although, like Paul and Barnabas, we can't control others' responses and sometimes we have to move on. The key is not about winning the argument, but about allowing God to work through us, even in our imperfections. We form relationships and friendships and bear witness by word and deed to the truth. The Holy Spirit does the rest.

Fr. Jeff

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert, Maggie Spink, Charles

Gazaway

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta 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

Sue Ronald

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



Parenting Pointers... Sunday is Mother's Day. Although sometimes spouses honor their wives on this day, let your children take their proper role. If they don't have the money or an idea for a gift, fathers can suggest a guaranteed pleaser—"Top 10 reasons I love my mother..."



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 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 of Mary at 502.609.0926.

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

Marriage Moments... It usually makes marriage easier when spouses are of the same religion, BUT, differences in faith or practice can also lead you to a deeper, even more creative concept of God.

Volunteers Needed for Catholic Charities Refugee Program...Refugee Summer Youth Program – Assist Jefferson County Public School ESL teachers in elementary and middle/high school classrooms, take students to field trips, supervise snack and break time, and help set up/clean up. Commit to one morning (9:30-1:00 p.m.) a week for 8 weeks from June to August or teach a class everyday on Monday-Friday at 2234 West Market Street. Orientation will be Wednesday, May 29 at 5:00 p.m. at 2911 South Fourth Street. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to Katie Norton at 502-636-9263 ex. 120 or knorton@archlou.org

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.. Sign ups start today!



Kroger and Amazon Smile programs... Would you like to help the church while you shop? Then sign up for these two wonderful programs! Using your Kroger card, go to Kroger.com and click on community rewards and designate St. Boniface. To donate to St. Boniface through Amazon, you must use their website: www.smile.amazon.com, and designate St. Boniface Church.



St. Joseph Children's Home... Annual picnic will be held on Friday, August 9th and Saturday, August 10th. 2019 marks the 170th year for the Picnic, making this favorite community event older than the Kentucky Derby!

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.

WOW... will meet on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Paul II, Gallagher Hall. **On with Life** will also meet on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of Peace, Marian Hall.



Join us... On Sunday, 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.

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Acts 14:21-27
2nd Reading—Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel Reading—John 13:31-33a,
34-35



May 5th, 2019 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$4,275.00	Stewardship
\$ (15.00)	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

In the Gospel today Jesus compares himself to a shepherd protecting his sheep, promising his disciples that he will hold them securely in his hands. How appropriate that this wonderful image is presented on Mother's Day. Today we honor all types of mothers who have loved us, protected us, and held us, those who have treated us with the tender loving care of the Good Shepherd. Let us give thanks today for all our mothers, living and deceased.

Today's Focus: Listen Up!

The voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd still speaks to us in many ways: through our faith communities, the Church, and those around us. Our job is to listen for the Shepherd's voice.



**"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me."**

- John 10:27

following Jesus. To do that we must be attentive to his voice.

"Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'" John 10:27

Reflection on the Gospel

Today we read not about a resurrection appearance but instead we hear about the familiar, comforting image of Jesus as the good shepherd. We are his sheep who hear his voice and respond by following him. Not only do we follow the good shepherd upon hearing his voice, but we learn that the good shepherd gives eternal life. Our task, therefore, is no more difficult than

Consider/Discuss

How do you listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd?