



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

January 9th, 2022

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am and 11:00 am  
Reconciliation on Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 am

531 E. Liberty St. Louisville Kentucky 40202  
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January 9th ~ Baptism of the Lord (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Gary and Cathy Zirnheld      11:00 am ~ People of the Parish

January 16th ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Ron Cook +      11:00 am ~ People of the Parish

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### Welcome to the Parish!

Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish family 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 as soon as possible of an address change or any other changes to your family records.

Stewardship, A Lifetime of Opportunity, Responsibility, Accountability.

Have you remembered St. Boniface Church in your will?

**St. 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: St. John's Day Center for Homeless Men, Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM), and by assisting Nativity Academy in its 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.**



A week after I was born on March 7, 1971, I was baptized at St. Henry's Church in Erlanger, Kentucky. It is the church where my mom was baptized and where her mom was baptized. Because I was a month premature, my dad was able to be present for

my birth and homecoming, but he had to leave for Vietnam before I was baptized. Despite what you might guess, heaven was not opened, the Holy Spirit did not descend upon me in bodily form like a dove, and there was no voice that came from heaven. In some ways, however, like your own baptism, it was no less significant. Baptized as an infant, I am grateful for the faith of my parents, godparents, grandparents, and family that trusted in God for my new birth in Christ and expressed in their actions a great hope for the future and for eternity. God did respond to their faith and the faith of the church. He made me a new creation, adopted me as his son, and washed me clean of original sin. Even as a baby, I died in the waters of baptism and rose again with Jesus to new life. It is the grace of my baptism that has guided my journey of faith and is my only hope of heaven. Baptism was my doorway, the threshold of faith, to the life of God in the other sacraments, to the Spirit active in the church, and to the community of love that is my true family. I can never thank my parents enough and I have no capacity to repay them. I can only pay it forward.

The story is told among priests of the Archdiocese of Louisville about Bishop Charles Maloney, the longtime auxiliary bishop, who had been ordained as a deacon, a priest, and a bishop, and had the opportunity to participate in the Second Vatican Council in Rome, that when asked about the most important day of his life responded, "The day I was baptized." It is told as a reminder of God's undeserved and abundant grace in our lives and the gift of faith handed on to us by our families. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, thank God for the gift of your own baptism and say a small prayer for those whose faith made it possible. Because of them, you are God's beloved child and with you, he is well pleased.

*Fr. Jeff*



## Prayer Requests

Precious Adams  
Robert Douglas  
Barton  
Marty Bedoian  
Bob Camfield  
Betty Chambers +  
Don Hess  
Louis Manion  
Twilight Mayes  
Jim McGrath  
C.M. Rodes +  
Greg Ross Smith  
Dean Scott Toller



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

## Ministers for this Week

*8:30 a.m. Mass*

Server: Doug Korfhage  
Lector: Charles Gazaway  
Gift Bearers: Cathy and Gary Zirnheld

*11:00 a.m. Mass*

Server: Charles Gazaway or Nick Perri  
Lector: Dawn Wibbels  
Gift Bearers: Pat Robison and Sally Lenihan

*If you are interested in serving, please see the sign up sheets*



## Parish News



**Thank you...**Nativity Academy at St. Boniface would like to thank you for your gifts and support of Nativity Academy's Angel Tree project. There are many families feeling blessed, and smiles on the faces of the children in our community. We are so blessed to have so many incredible donors 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.

**Thank you...**Thank you so much for your efforts at St. Boniface to support the Catholic Charities Presents with a Purpose program! This year Presents with a Purpose served: 135 families, 202 adults, 367 children, We provided new coats, hats, gloves, outfits, household goods, hygiene products and toys to every person that walked through our doors. We gave out \$14,225 in gift cards alone! None of this would be possible without your compassion. This was a big year for our Presents with a Purpose program, as we gave our clients the dignity to "shop" for their own gifts for the first time. It was a massive effort on the part of staff, volunteers and donors, and it was a great success.

**Marriage Moments...**A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

### **Central Louisville Community Ministries**



CENTRAL LOUISVILLE  
Community Ministries

#### **update...**

Our ability to provide emergency rent and utility assistance to our neighbors in need has greatly expanded during the pandemic due to increased federal and local grants. We're grateful to St. Boniface donors and the network of other congregations who are supporting us in this work. We continue to ask for donations of personal care items (but NO over-the-counter medications).

***Needed items can now be brought to the church and we will deliver them.***

**Parenting Pointers...** The Covid Pandemic has prompted us to think much more about healthy habits. Ask each family member what healthy habit is easiest or most difficult for them? For example: brushing teeth, washing hands, coughing into your elbow, wearing a mask.



Free Little  
Pantry

**Paula's Pantry...** We are running **very low** on supplies and are looking for foods that can be eaten straight from the package and individual servings which need no preparation. Suggested items: canned fruit with a pop-top, granola bars, tuna packets, meat sticks, dried fruit, peanut butter and crackers, etc. ***Checks to buy supplies would also be appreciated.***

## Diocesan News

### **The Holiday Season is Hard on Marriage...**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages (and not just because of the holidays). It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulties have found help through all levels of difficulty from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 18-20, 2022, call 502-479-3329; email: [3012@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3012@helpourmarriage.org); or go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).



### **Annual Memorial Mass for the Sanctity of Life...**

will be held on Sunday, January 16th at 3:00 pm at St. Martin of Tours Church, 639 S. Shelby St. Please make plans to join Archbishop Kurtz and people from all over the Archdiocese of Louisville for a special mass to celebrate the dignity and sanctity of life. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Office of Family and Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

### **2022 Collection for Opportunities for Life...**

Next weekend, the four Kentucky dioceses will take up a collection on the Sunday in the week of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (January 22nd), as part of the Kentucky bishops' unified message advocating for a pro-life culture in our Commonwealth. 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 organizations providing support to pregnant women and their families.

## Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Isaiah 62:1-5  
2nd Reading—1 Cor. 12:4-11  
Gospel Reading— John 2:1-11



## January 2nd, 2022 Collection Report

\$ 2,116	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 4,200	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (2,084)	Budget Over (Under)
\$109,589	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$103,200	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 6,389	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and a voice from the heavens rang out, "you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." No such dove was seen or voice was heard when we were baptized, yet the Holy Spirit did descend upon us in baptism and we were welcomed into this holy family, initiated into the body of Christ. Let us give thanks today for the blessings we received in baptism, blessings we note in the baptism we celebrate today.



### Introduction to Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, we hear Isaiah proclaim that the chosen one, imbued with God's spirit, will bring justice, establish a covenant, and free those who dwell in darkness. Listening to his words, we marvel at how Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies, but we also realize how far we still need to go. Let us listen to God's word and consider how Jesus and the Holy Spirit can work through us to bring light, blessing, and justice to all.

### Reflection on the Gospel

The baptism of the Lord could be called a prayer event, for Luke does not describe the moment of baptism but rather its aftermath. It is Jesus' prayer that tears open the heavens for the descent of the Holy Spirit and the revelation of this true identity as baptized sons and daughters of God. It opens heaven to us and reveals who we are.

### Bulletin Reflections

*"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove."  
Luke 3:21*

Our stewardship journey begins in the waters of baptism. It is through the waters of baptism that we are given a new life and become disciples of Jesus. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to build the kingdom of God with the gifts God has given us.