



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

January 10th, 2021

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 10th ~ Baptism of the Lord (*Fr. Fichteman*)

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish      11:00 am ~ June Poole+  
January 17th ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)  
8:30 am ~ People of the Parish      11:00 am ~ Don Mudd+

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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.**



**'It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"**

"It happened in those days." It's a rather innocuous phrase used time and again (by one count, over 1,200 times) in the scriptures to introduce an event. Some of these events are great tragedies and some are mighty works of God. It is a bit understated and carries something of a passive perspective, like an historian recording a moment in time or the action of another. It takes time to look back and be able to communicate events in such a fashion. In doing so, there is a recognition of the importance of the event for future generations. So, as innocuous as it may seem, this phrase also marks the significance of a particular event. It is worth remembering. It is worth the ink and the velum and the time to write and copy by hand over and over again. It shouldn't be forgotten. The phrase can be variously translated, but carries the same meaning whether it's "it happened in those days," or "it took place at that time," or "it transpired in that year," or "it came to pass." It is worth remembering. It is significant.

As we enter the early days of 2021, it may be too soon to look back at 2020 and determine what will be important for the history books. Of course, COVID-19 and the worldwide pandemic, racial injustice and social unrest, and the presidential election will make the list. We'll have to see if the market crash and recession, Australian wildfires (they may have already been forgotten), Nashville tornado, Nashville bombing, record hurricane season, or the host of other issues and events that happened will be worth remembering. Personally,

we may recall illnesses, job losses, or loved ones who have died. Decades from now, we may recall how everything changed in how we worked, taught, connected with others, and worshipped. It may be more difficult to nail down at this point, but maybe there will be some moments of joy, the birth of a child, the return to Mass, the resilience and strength of community and family, the creativity in the face of challenges, the heroic sacrifice of first responders, and the generosity of so many. It may be that we discovered what was truly important, reaffirmed what we believe in, or made changes that will last the rest of our lives. Even now, it may be worth taking some time to write down what you want to remember from 2020.

Perhaps this year, more than most, I am reminded about a comedy bit done by Christian comedian Mark Lowry (you can still find it on YouTube, although I first heard it in the early 1990s). He says his favorite verse in all of scripture, in fact his life verse (a concept of choosing one scripture verse to symbolize or anchor your life), is, "It came to pass." According to Lowry, it didn't come to stay. You can be assured of one thing, whatever is going on, it will pass, either in this life or the next. "Either it will pass or you will pass," he says. Lowry continues, "Did you have a bad year last year? Hold on. It will pass. Did you have a good year last year?" He pauses, raises his eyebrows, opens wide his eyes, and smirks. "Hold on. It will pass." It still makes me laugh. Even with the experience of 2020, it still makes me laugh. We have experienced profound sadness, isolation, shock and anger. Hope has, at times, seemed dim and we still have a way to go. God, however, has been with us through it all. With all that has come to pass, God has come to stay. As the heavens opened and God spoke over Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan by John, he has spoken over each of us in our own baptism, "You are my beloved child." As much as anything else, this is worth remembering. As much as has come to pass, these words remain.

*Fr. Jeff*

## Prayer Requests

Precious Adams  
Vickie Bays  
Margaret Barton  
Marty Bedoian  
Bob Camfield  
Don Hess  
Twilight Mayes  
Scott McCoy  
Jessica Scott  
Greg Smith  
Dean Toller



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

## Lectors for Today:

8:30 am ~ Bridget Davison

11:00 am ~ Susan Foley

*To become a Lector, please call or text Judy Perri at 502.599.5211.*  
**Lectors are needed for all of January.**



## Parish News



**Thank you....**for helping St. Boniface reach our goal for the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal! Your gifts have totaled \$17,432 (113% of our goal) to support the ministry of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Congratulations and

thanks for your support!

**Marriage Moments...**"You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat" (Isaiah 55:1) In these uncertain times, perhaps you are the one with no money. May your faith community feed you. If you are among those who have enough food, may your faith lead you to feed another. Talk with your beloved about how.

**Parenting Pointers...** Pose this question to your child—*My favorite Christmas gift was \_\_\_\_\_*. Consider that some people in the world didn't get a Christmas gift. Be grateful. Are they old enough to write a thank-you note?

**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](http://www.smile.amazon.com)., and designate St. Boniface Church.

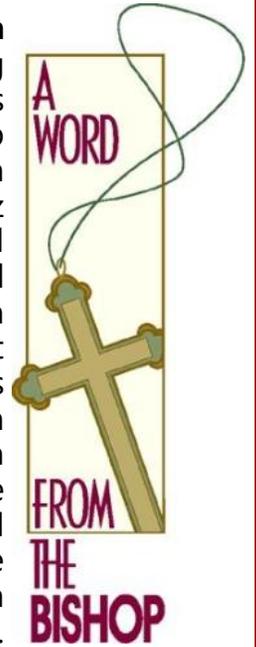
**Paula's Pantry....**As you may know Nativity is doing NTI learning and the students are not at school to take care of Paula's Pantry. We have been taking donations to help keep this stocked for the people who rely on it as a means of nutrition. Therefore, we are now collecting items at church and in the parish office to be put out throughout the week. We 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, jars of peanut butter and jelly to make sandwiches, etc. Checks to buy supplies would also be appreciated.

**Stewardship...**you can always mail your checks to the church or you can go online to our website and set up an account to make your contribution online: <https://www.stbonifaceparish.com/give.html>

## Diocesan News

### **Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...**

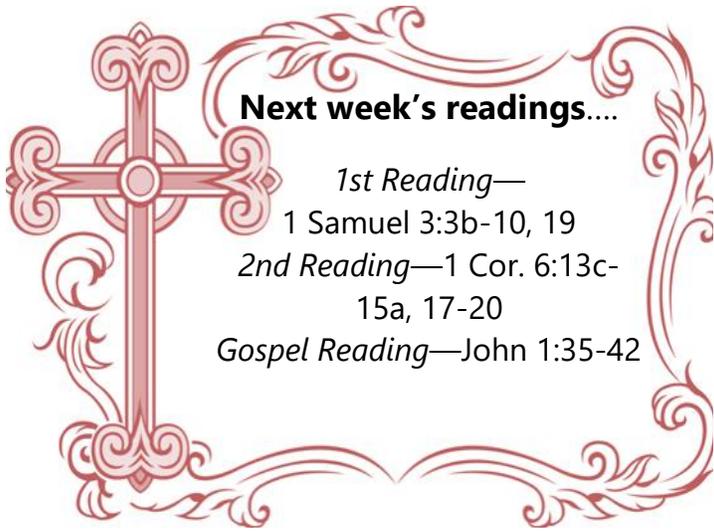
During segment one of January's Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the new year and Archbishop Kurtz's hope and observations about trends in Church and society. In segment two, Archbishop Kurtz welcomes Christopher Graney, an astronomer with the Vatican Observatory, to discuss the topic of faith and science and the local faith and science dialogue group in which Archbishop Kurtz participates. In segment three, Archbishop Kurtz and Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds answer questions from viewers. Conversations airs on the Faith Channel, or can be downloaded from Itunes. It is also online at [www.archlou.org/conversations](http://www.archlou.org/conversations).



**Central Louisville Community Ministries...**will soon resume providing personal care items to folks in our neighborhood, and we need your help to restock the closet! You can drop off your donations at First Unitarian Monday-Thursday from 9:30 am —1:30 pm —we need toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, razors and deodorant. These are items that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits (food stamps). ***Needed items can now be brought to the church and we will deliver them.***

### **2021 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 22), 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 families in crisis, including material assistance and grant support for programming at Catholic Charities and other organizations providing support to pregnant women and families.



**January 3rd, 2021 Collection Report**

\$3,600.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$9,316.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$5,716.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$109,220.05	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$118,600.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(9,379.95)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

*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**

At our baptism we were told, "you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ." each Sunday we come here a new creation, transformed, even if we're not conscious of it. Baptism has created us anew, has given us new life. Also, no matter what we may be wearing, we are clothed in Christ. In what we do and what others see, we hope to show that we have put on Christ. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us appreciate the new creation we have become.



**Reflection on the Gospel**

This gospel is a declaration of who Jesus is to Mark's church, a statement of their self-understanding as disciples of the new messianic times who are sons and daughters of the Father because they

are baptized into the Spirit-filled and Beloved Son, and commissioned to serve in his name. Throughout Mark's gospel, those who follow Jesus will struggle to understand what is revealed to Jesus as he rises from the waters: that humanity, despite the sinfulness, is loved with the prodigal love of God.

**Today's Focus:**

**God Makes the Ordinary Extra-ordinary**

Many times in the mission of Jesus, God uses commonplace things—river water, sinful men and women, bread and wine—to reveal uncommon, divine grace.

*"Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality."*

*Acts 10:34*

**Consider/Discuss**

*The kingdom of God is here. Can you feel it? Can you sense it? The kingdom of God is now! What does it mean to you that the Almighty has come to dwell with you?*