



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

January 16th, 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
Office Hours 9 am—2 pm Monday—Thursday
502.584.4279

www.stbonifaceparish.com

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

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

January 23rd ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Russell and Donna McEldowney + 11:00 am ~ Irv Foley +/- 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.

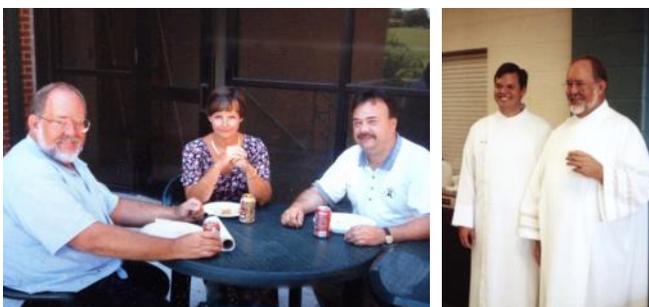
"Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him."

Turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee was Jesus's first miracle, the first public sign that pointed to who he was and what he was to do. Earlier in the story, we hear that he wasn't quite ready. He rather abruptly replied to his mother's request for his assistance with the embarrassment of running out of wine with, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Mary does not take no for an answer and simply tells the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary's advice is as good for us as it was to the servers on that day. Jesus was God become man who would save his people from their sins, but his ministry and mission still unfolded in time. This sign was the first among many that would culminate in Jesus's last supper with his disciples and his suffering, death, and resurrection. The accumulation of those experiences by those who came to believe in him are the foundation of our faith (as part of the larger story of salvation history with the people of Israel through the millennia and which continues for additional millennia, now, in the life of the church). This experience gives us confidence to trust God in our own lives, with our own decisions, and in our own actions. As we step out in faith, we recognize God's work through the Holy Spirit and grow in our trust to take the next best step.

At a critical juncture of my discernment to go to seminary, I had finally overcome my fear of telling my mom that I thought God might be calling me to the priesthood, knowing that she wanted grandchildren. As you may recall, I was an only child after the premature deaths of my brothers and my mom's last pregnancy ended in a late miscarriage. In her wisdom, she said, "If you don't become a priest, there's no guarantee that you'll have children. You must do what will make you happy." Then, she told a coworker who was also a member of the Serra Club, an organization that supports

vocations to the priesthood, and he told the vocation director for the Archdiocese of Louisville who invited me to go on a discernment retreat. The rest, as they say, is history, albeit a complicated and winding history. In 1997, after I had begun seminary formation, my first summer assignment was at St. Patrick. That summer, the bell tower was completed, but the church had not yet been begun. What is now known as Schindler Hall, named for the first pastor, Fr. Jack Schindler, was used as the church for masses. At the direction of Fr. Jack, the first homily I ever preached was at St. Pats. For me, it was the first public experience of trusting in God's providence to take my next best step. Through later trials and obstacles, it would give me confidence in the work of the Holy Spirit. God was there to guide my life, my decisions, and my actions. Through it all, I have never forgotten a mother's advice, "Do what will make you happy." In faith, that is the same as, "Do whatever he tells you."

Fr. Jeff



(Fr. Jack, the first principal, Dr. Mary Beth Bowling, and business manager, Nick Eve)

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: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Bob Springer

Gift Bearers: Carol Cook, Cathy Zirnheld

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway, Nick Perri

Lector: Judi Perri

Gift Bearers: Pat Robison and Carlotta Ingram

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



Parish News



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.**

Marriage Moments... Martin Luther King talked a lot about racial equality. What about equality in Marriage? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

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... If you are blessed to have children, no matter how aggravating they may be at times, remember those who have lost a child through miscarriage or abortion. Pray for couples trying to conceive. Fertility is a daunting responsibility. If you know someone who has an abortion, do they know about Project Rachel?

Diocesan News



"Souper" Bowl Drive... Souper Bowl Sunday is February 13th. Central Louisville Community Ministries will be collecting cans of soup, and all other non-perishable food in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl. Our food pantry continues to see a very high volume of use, and all your donations are greatly appreciated. Donations are accepted at Calvary Episcopal Church at 821 S. 4th St. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am—noon.

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; or go to 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...

TODAY, 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.

Trivia Night at Pres...

Mark your calendars for our annual Trivia Night at Pres, sponsored by the Presentation Parent Association. This year's event will be held on Saturday, January 29th at the Arts and Athletic Center, 900 S. Fourth St. Doors open at 5:30 pm and trivia starts at 7 pm. Get your best team of eight trivia fans together and join the fun! Cost is \$160 per table of eight. Only 60 tables will be sold, so don't delay. Don't have eight people? You can still have a table of six or seven people at \$20 per person. Bring your own food and beverages. Cash prizes will be awarded for the First Place Team and the team with the Best Decorated Table. All proceeds from Trivia Night will go the PPA's school fundraising projects. Purchase tickets at www.presentationacademy.org

Next week's readings...

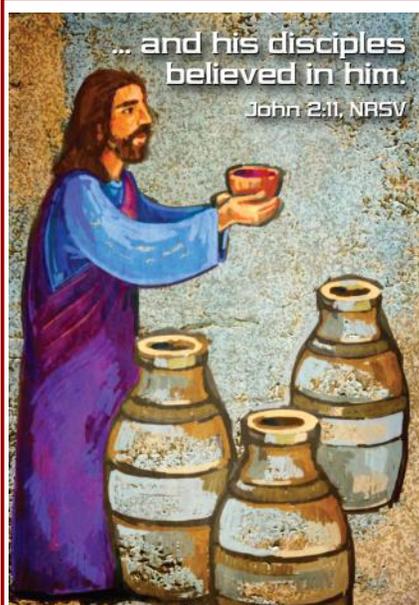
1st Reading—Nehemiah 8:2-4a,
5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading—1 Cor. 12:12-30

Gospel Reading— Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

January 9th, 2022 Collection Report

\$ 4,256	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 4,200	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ 56	Budget Over (Under)
\$113,845	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$107,400	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 6,445	Year-to-Date Over (Under)



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

January is not a common month for weddings in this country.

Nevertheless, a wedding is at the center of today's Gospel. It is at this wedding feast that Jesus performs his first miracle, changing water into wine. Though we are not here

today to celebrate a wedding, today's celebration includes both feast and miracle, ones we often take for granted. Let us consider the miracle that takes place in our presence today—the bread and wine becoming Christ's Body and Blood—and give thanks for the invitation we have been given to this Eucharistic feast.

Introduction to Liturgy of the Word

Today's readings reveal the transformative effect God has upon the world. Isaiah prophesies that God will transform the Israelites and their land from "forsaken" to "espoused," as a suitor rejoices in his bride. Paul extols the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which transform each person differently, but all to serve the same Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus transforms water in wine at a wedding in Cana, revealing his glory and inspiring his disciples to believe in him. Listening to God's word, let us consider how God transforms us and our world.

Reflection on the Gospel

This Sunday's gospel is again an "epiphany" a manifestation of Jesus' glory, chosen not from Luke's but from John's gospel. For the Eastern church, the showing to the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding feast of Cana were all celebrated at Epiphany as aspects of Jesus' manifestation. This tradition is preserved in the Western church by today's remembrance. By changing water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana of Galilee, Jesus gives the first of the Johannine signs that are to confirm his disciples' faith in him.

Bulletin Reflections

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." Corinthians 12:4-6

A thankful steward knows that all he or she possesses is the result of God's grace.
What we make of our lives depends on our work,