



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

March 5th, 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
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March 5th ~ Second Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Jeff*)

8:30 am ~ Albert Paalz+ + 11:00 am ~ Rose, Anthony, Leo Paalz +

March 12th ~ Third Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Albert Paalz+ + 11:00 am ~ Rose, Anthony, Leo Paalz +

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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 took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves."

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain. The mountain in the Bible represents a place close to God and an intimate encounter with Him, a place of prayer where one stands in the presence of the Lord. The Gospel tells us Jesus invites three of his apostles to undertake a pilgrimage with him to the mountain. He chooses those who are willing to climb the mountain with him. Likewise, we are chosen by Jesus to take a pilgrimage, a journey with him to the mountain in this Lent.

From the event of the Transfiguration, I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there. Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, suffering, injustice, ignorance, and poverty. To these brothers and sisters in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received. It is a mission for the whole Church, for all the baptized, for us all: listen to Jesus and offer him to others.

The transfiguration not only happened on the mountain of the Gospel's background but it also happens to each one of us day by day. Transfiguration happens to us every day through sacraments. Indeed, each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transfigured, we are transformed. For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. In particular, the "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our

strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or "transformed" into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, so each Holy Mass should be our source of heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

The transfiguration also offers us a message of encouragement and hope. Indeed, in moments of doubt, despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His words: "This is My beloved Son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through the practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may become closer to him in his suffering and may share in the carrying of his cross so that we may finally share the glory of his Transfiguration. The Lenten season offers us the opportunity to prepare us for the future glory through prayers, good works, reflections, and self-denials. It is a time when we grow in grace in order to advance faithfully to the mountain of God's glory. This is our call. This is our mission. Our call is not to a new land, our call is not to be a new people. Rather, our call is to new life as God's holy people - new life made possible by God's gift of his Son for us, new life made possible because Jesus has conquered death, new life because Jesus continues to offer us the gift of his saving grace. The crosses of our daily lives may lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection. May God bless all of our good works and our Lenten observances, that they may not be just spiritually beneficial to us, but also that they may become great inspirations for our fellow brothers and sisters, to follow us together in our journey towards God and His salvation.

Peace,

Fr. Quan

Prayer Requests

Marty Bedoian
Carlotta Ingram
Jim McGrath
Twilight Mayes
Mary Frances Paalz
Bruce Radaker
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 am Mass

Server: Bob Springer
Lector: Doug Korfhage
Gift Bearers:
Eucharist Minister: Charles Gazaway

11:00 am Mass

Server: Nick Perri, Charles Gazaway
Lector: Judy Perri
Gift Bearers: Sally Lenihan, Pat Robison
Eucharist Minister: Judy Perri

*If you are interested in becoming a Lay Minister, please contact Charles Gazaway:
Charles@stbonifaceparish.com*

Nativity Auction...“Celebrating 20 Years” will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at The Refinery, Jeffersonville, IN. Here are some of the ways you can help make this event a success:

- Join us for an evening celebrating friends “Nativity’s 20th Anniversary”
- Purchase a \$50 raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10,000
- Make a cash donation or donate an Item or Gift Card for our Silent Auction

Fr. Quan’s Bible Study...Continues today at 6:30 pm in the church office.

Central Louisville Community Ministries...will be collecting regular size boxes of cereal during the month of March. Please bring to church and we will make sure they get them.

The rumors are true...Ethan Hawke and his crew chose our beautiful church to film part of their upcoming movie “Wildcat” (working title). It is based on the life of Flannery O’Connor, Catholic author. We do not know the release date, but when we find out we will let everyone know!

Right To Life Louisville...will host its 50th Celebration of Life on Thursday, March 16th at the KY Expo Center. The featured speaker will be Fox and Friends’ Rachel Campos-Duffy and Mississippi AG Lynn Fitch will attend as a special guest at what will be the state’s largest prolife gathering of its kind. Tickets and information can be found at rtlou.org/event/col or by calling 502.897.LIFE.

Pancake Breakfast....The Nativity Academy 8th graders are hosting a pancake breakfast to raise money for their class trip to Washington, D.C. Join us on Saturday, March 18th from 9—11 am in the school cafeteria. Please call the office to purchase a \$10.00 ticket or to make a donation (855.3300). Thank you for helping the Nativity Eagles SOAR (Strive, Overcome, Achieve, Respect)!

The St. Patrick Rosary Guild...A weekly saying of the Rosary will continue today between masses. We will meet in the church at 10:30 am. Please join us in the front pews in front of the ambo.

Parenting Pointers... March 2nd was Dr. Seuss’ birthday. You’re never too old or too late to reread a favorite Dr. Seuss book. Try it. Share it with a child.



Marriage Moments...Marriage is a mutual improvement society. This can seem self-serving as you try to give feedback to your beloved about she/he can be a better person. How do you receive critical feedback? Listen with openness more than defensiveness.

Church Tours are now available!...For anyone interested in taking a tour of our church, see Judy Perri and Dan Barlow at the Sorrowful Mother statue in the rear of the church after the 11:00 am Mass.

Turkey and Syria...the recent earthquakes have resulted in a terrible loss of life, homelessness and massive destruction of structure and systems that support life in the areas affected. We can assist our sisters and brothers in these countries with monetary donations that will be used to support the disaster relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services. Please make checks out to St. Boniface with the memo “Turkey and Syria Relief”.



Training Program for Pastoral Care to the Sick...The Archdiocese of Louisville Family Ministries Office is offering a six-part Training Program to help anyone learn how to better help out in this important ministry for those who minister to the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, or to the homebound. The training will take place at the Maloney Center at 1200 South Shelby Street on six consecutive Friday mornings from 10 am—noon, starting on March 10th. Cost is \$10 per session. To register, or for more information please contact Denise Puckett at 502.636.1296 x 1268 or at dpuckett@archlou.org.

Assumption Summer Camps...are now open for registrations! This year Assumption is offering over 40 fun-filled enrichment and athletic sessions, including 13 new camps to girls and boys in grades K-9. Our goal is for each camper to have an exciting, safe summer, and build new friendships. We hope your family will be able to take advantage of these opportunities! Space is limited, so visit ahsrockets.org to learn more and register today. Contact miranda.mccarty@ahsrockets.org with questions.



Next week's readings...

1st Reading—Exodus 17:3-7
2nd Reading—Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel Reading— Matthew 17:1-9



February 26th, 2023 Collection Report

\$ 2,419	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,750	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (1,331)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 148,807	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 142,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 6,807	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

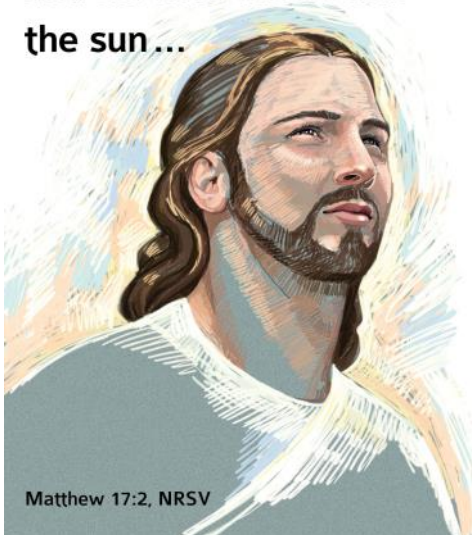
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

As we continue this forty-day journey through Lent, we do not want to lose sight of what the future holds—for Jesus in the Gospel and for us in our own lives. Jesus will suffer greatly and will be put to death and laid in a tomb. But on the third day he will be raised and will ascent to the Father in glory, opening the way to eternal life for us all. We mark this season with prayer and fasting, almsgiving, and repentance, knowing that our destiny lies in eternal life with the Lord. Let us worship him, for he has transformed out destiny.

Today's Focus: Excited for the Journey

We don't usually think of Lent as "exciting," but if we explore and utilize the richness of the season to the fullest, it can be!

He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun...



Reflection on the Gospel

Peter, James, and John witness the glory of Jesus' transfiguration. Then, as a sign of the transfiguration to come, Jesus touches these disciples of his and raises them from their fear—fear of what might be the implications of this mountain revelation for themselves. Then they see "no one else but Jesus" on the mountain. For all disciples in every age, he is the one whom we must trust to grasp us, raise us up from our fears, and lead us into the new.

"The Lord said to Abram... 'I will make of you a great nations, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.'" Genesis 12:1-2

Question of the Week

*What crosses have I found difficult to carry or been unwilling to carry?
What crosses have I not even thought to carry, but my taking them up could ease the burden for someone close to me or someone else in need?
What cross can I carry that will transfigure my life this Lent?*