



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

March 12th, 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

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

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

March 19th ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Dorothy, Bobby and Jerry Camfield+ 11:00 am ~ Torrey Watson +

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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.



"The LORD answered Moses, 'Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be

standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.'"

"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

In July, I will be joining some scouts and adult leaders from St. Pat's Troop 380 for seven days of backpacking, or a trek, at the Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico. Opened in 1938, it is 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains that has provided over a million scouts with life changing experiences of backcountry trekking. 1992, as a program at the Air Force Academy, I spent three weeks at Philmont as a Ranger, including a 10 day backpacking trek for training and guiding three crews for the beginning of their own treks. As a priest, I went back for a week of training for religious organizations that sponsor Scout troops and, as Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Louisville, to visit one of our seminarians who was doing as summer placement with the chaplain program. Later, I joined a special program for Catholic scouts called the St. George Trek as the adult advisor for a crew of 10 boys on

another 10 day trek. The Ranger song that I memorized as a cadet starts with the line, "I want to go back to Philmont." As you drive away from Philmont, the lore goes, and if you look back over your left shoulder at an arrowhead shaped rock formation, you will one day return.

Philmont is an arid environment and water is a precious commodity. Most camps in the backcountry have some water source nearby, but the last night of the St. George Trek was at a dry campsite, meaning we had to pack in enough water for two days. We ran low, and our last day was hot with the sun beating down as we headed into base camp. It is one of two times in my life that I have been seriously dehydrated. The first time, I hallucinated people dancing in a campfire, but that's a different story. This time, at Mass after we reached base camp in the outdoor chapel, I briefly fainted and, at dinner, threw up twice. I know we cannot survive physically without water. We also cannot survive spiritually without God's life giving water.

Jesus promises this life giving water. It is an unending spring within us welling up to eternal life. It is the gift of the Spirit of God's love, given in baptism and sealed in confirmation. In this Lent, may Jesus, the new Moses, take his staff and strike our hearts of stone. May the love of God spring up within each of us and all of us, as at Massah and Meribah, to quench our thirst. Nothing else can fill our longing for God. All of our substitutes (and you know them in your own life) only leave us thirsting again. Only God quenches our thirst. God alone.

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Marty Bedoian
Carol Habeeb
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: Doug Korfhage
Lector: Bob Springer
Gift Bearers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy
Eucharist Minister: Charles Gazaway

11:00 am Mass

Server: Nick Perri
Lector: John Poole
Gift Bearers: Dawn and Bruce Wibbels
Eucharist Minister: Judy Perri

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

What would you do with \$10,000...raffle tickets are \$50 for a chance to win \$10,000. All proceeds will benefit Nativity Academy at St. Boniface. Tickets will be sold after each Mass next Sunday, March 19th. Checks should be made payable to Nativity Academy. Thank you for helping the Nativity Eagles SOAR!

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

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.

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.



Marriage Moments... John 9:1-4 focuses on blindness. You may already turn a "blind eye" to some of your beloved's faults and annoying habits. Good. That's progress. Are there any bad habits of your own that need some corrective attention?

Parenting Pointers...In Jesus' day Jews and Samaritans were not friends but Jesus strikes up a conversation with a Samaritan woman (John 4:5-42). Sometimes it helps to reach out beyond our friends. As a family, seek out someone you might not normally encounter—perhaps someone of a different race or economic status than yourselves. Say "Hi." If possible, strike up a conversation.

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—1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading—Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading— John 9:1-41



March 5th, 2023 Collection Report

\$ 5,022	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,250	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ 1,772	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 153,829	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 145,250	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 8,579	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

We hear the Chosen People grumble in today's first reading, for they are thirsty and have no idea how long their journey through the desert will last. "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" they complain. Here in this place, where we gather with God's people to worship the Lord, to listen to God's word, and to receive the Lord's body and blood, we can be assured that the Lord is in our midst. Jesus has quenched our deepest thirst with living water, with water welling up to eternal life. Together let us give witness to our faith that God remains always in our midst.

Today's Focus: From Tribal Barriers to Faith-filled Encounter

Our world today has many examples of the sort of "tribalism" and resulting hatred that Jews and Samaritans experienced. Now, as then, openness to a word of grace can overcome it.



Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus makes those who respond to him sharers in his freedom. The despised woman of today's gospel, who comes to the well in the heat of high noon to avoid the judgmental eyes and tongues of the other women, hurries back to her own town. She is no longer ashamed of the story of her life because she has a more urgent story to tell about the man who lowered a bucket into the well of her

soul and drew up the deep living water within her.

"The Lord answered Moses... 'I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it, for the people to drink.'" Exodus 17:5-6

Question of the Week

What can I do or say that will show others the living water that I have found in Jesus, the water that satisfies my spiritual thirst? Will I make that my mission this week?