



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

March 19th, 2022

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

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Office Hours 9 am—2 pm Monday—Thursday  
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March 19th ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Quan*)  
8:30 am ~ Dorothy, Bobby and Jerry Camfield+ 11:00 am ~ Torrey Watson +

March 26th ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Quan*)  
8:30 am ~ Ann and Joyce Trott + 11:00 am ~ Albert 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.***



**"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam," —which means Sent—. So, he went and washed, and came back able to see."**

We are stepping into the second half of the Lenten season. Let us continue to pray, fast, and give alms to glorify and praise our Lord. This Sunday, the Church continues an ancient tradition of preparing her catechumens through the rite of the second scrutiny. "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death," and from that submersion into his death we are healed and enlightened, so that "we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4).

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, the Gospel of this week has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus sends the blind man to Siloam, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam" (John 9:4). Here again John adds his own comment to make sure we understand what is really happening; he wrote, Siloam means "Sent." So, when John tells us that the blind man washed in the Pool of Siloam which means Sent and came back seeing, he wants us to understand that the blind man washed in Jesus and came back seeing. What really happened is that the blind man was washed by Jesus. The blind man's washing in the pool of Siloam is symbolic of how the blood of Jesus that He shed on the cross washes us from sin. When Jesus healed him, he was totally able to see. He had been totally cured of his blindness. Likewise, this is what Jesus does when we trust Him for salvation; He totally cleans us from our sin. Jesus calls us to "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" and He is waiting for us to respond.

This week's Gospel is also a story of faith and a journey of Lent. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the

Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. If we see the blind man's journey as the journey of each and every Christian, it means that each of us has a similar set of stages in our lives as Christians: our life before an encounter with Christ, the encounter with Christ and our healing, and our mission after that initial encounter with Christ. Earlier in the Gospel story, the blind man called Jesus, "Rabbi." Then he didn't know who Jesus was. After that he identified him as a prophet. Finally, he calls him "Lord." And he worshipped him. That is what Jesus wants from us as well. Jesus wants us to come to that time in our lives when our spiritual blindness is healed and we call him "Lord." This is what Jesus wants from us. Jesus wants to heal our blindness so that we too can believe in Christ and worship him as our Lord. That is what the Gospel of John and Christianity is all about. When Jesus heals our spiritual blindness, we gradually perceive who Jesus is. Like the healed blind man, we come to believe and worship him.

The encounter between Jesus and the blind man is the story of weakness, blindness, washing, and healing. Likewise, it is the story of us. Each one of us has our own story of weakness, blindness, washing, and healing, and salvation. We are called to go, wash and see in the light of Christ. In this season of Lent, Jesus is transforming us and changing us. Are we like the blind man or the Pharisee? Do we recognize our blindness? Do we acknowledge God's transforming power? Do we accept the restoration of our relationship with Christ? The Good News is that God has already taken the first step of transforming us, restoring our sight and healing our blindness. Let us respond to Christ's instruction to "Go, wash in the pool Siloam!" May we have courage to see and to proclaim what we see. May we have God's own life at work within us so that we can grow more and more aware of the divine reality that surrounds us. May our hearts become more divine in this time of Lent.

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: Bridget Davison

Gift Bearers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

Eucharist Minister: Charles Gazaway

### **11:00 am Mass**

Server: Nick Perri

Lector: Gray Grisham

Gift Bearers: Pat Robison, Sally Lenihan

Eucharist Minister:

*If you are interested in becoming a Lay Minister, please contact Charles Gazaway:  
[Charles@stbonifaceparish.com](mailto: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 TODAY after each Mass. Checks should be made payable to Nativity Academy. Thank you for helping the Nativity Eagles SOAR! Link to Auction website: <https://one.bidpal.net/na23/>

**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.

**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...** March 20th is the official beginning of Spring. In the northern hemisphere new growth starts to sprout around us. Learn something new about your spouse today—no matter how long you've been married.

**Parenting Pointers...**St. Patrick's Day was Friday. St. Patrick purportedly explained the mystery of the Trinity by using a shamrock. Which person of the Trinity—Father (creator, Son (redeemer, or Holy Spirit (sustainer) do you most identify with? Ask your child the same question. Is there anything mysterious about your child that you are still trying to understand?

**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.

**Join us next Sunday...**as we have Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation between Masses and again after the 11 am Mass. See insert for the whole Easter schedule.

**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".

**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](http://ahsrockets.org) to learn more and register today. Contact [miranda.mccarty@ahsrockets.org](mailto:miranda.mccarty@ahsrockets.org) with questions.

### 2023 Catholic Relief Services

**Collection...**TODAY, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection support six national and international relief agencies that provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection.



**Learn to be Led by the Spirit...**Jesus wants a life-transforming relationship with you. Not an arms-length acquaintance. Join Pete Burak, vice president of Renewal Ministries, as he mixes scripture with personal stories from his time on the University of Michigan basketball team. Thursday, March 23rd at 7 pm at St. James Church, 1826 Edenside Ave.

### Next week's readings....

*1st Reading*—Ezekiel 37:12-14  
*2nd Reading*—Romans 8:8-11  
*Gospel Reading*— John 11:1-45



### March 12th, 2023 Collection Report

\$ 2,360	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,250	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (890)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 156,189	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 147,610	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 8,579	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

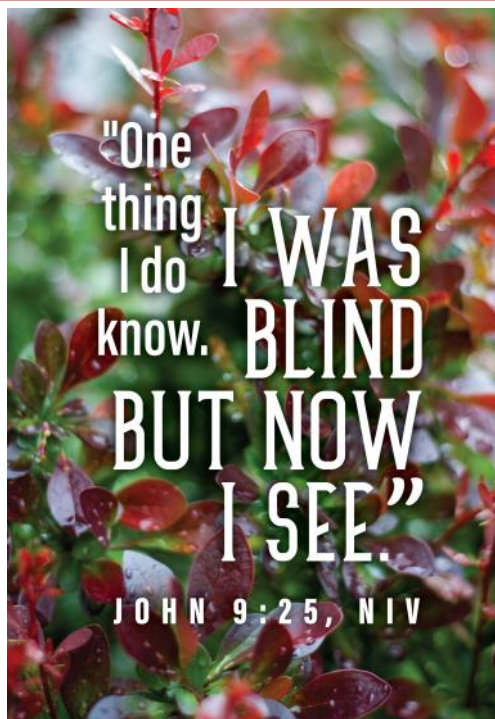
*Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.*

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today, having reached the halfway point of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. This Latin word, means "rejoice." We rejoice in the knowledge that the cross does not end in death, that Jesus' story does not end in the tomb. The Church also celebrates the second scrutiny today, a significant step for catechumens but also an opportunity for all of us to look into our hearts for the sinful habits and tendencies we may not even see. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man. More significantly, he can heal our blindness to sin as well. Let us rejoice!

### Today's Focus: restored by Resurrections

In daily living we rarely encounter anything as dramatic as what we encounter today in Ezekiel or the raising of Lazarus. Yet every relationship restored is a resurrection!



### Reflection on the Gospel

Today's gospel challenges us, as individuals and communities, to examine how we see the eyes of faith and whether we are willfully blind to the Sent One, turning away from the Light of the world. What are our contemporary blindnesses? Sin gets clicks. Are we more interested in sin than in grace? Are we brave enough to accept being sometimes ostracized by others when we choose to walk in the light of Christ rather than stumble away from him along our complacent, selfish, and socially pressurized paths of darkness?

*"...Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 15:7*

### Question of the Week

*What keeps me from seeing the truth?  
What keeps me from acknowledging what I see?*