



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

April 18th, 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  
Office Hours 9 am—2 pm Monday—Thursday  
502.584.4279

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April 18th ~ Third Sunday of Easter (*Fr. Steven*)

8:30 am People of the Parish      11:00 am ~ Don Mudd +

April 25th ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter (*Fr. Steven*)

8:30 am ~ Richard Doran +      11:00 am ~ 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.***



***"While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?"***

***Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet."***

Thinking about this can make your head hurt. What's the big deal with Jesus's wounds? Why is his body so important? What does it matter anyway? The resurrected Jesus has flesh and bones, can eat breakfast on the shore, and takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to his disciples after a nice stroll, but he also enters locked rooms and vanishes into thin air. He may have a body, but it's not just like yours and mine, or like his own before death. And we have scant few accounts to form a full picture of what this reality is like. I mean, Jesus ascends bodily into heaven, but where exactly did he go? Obviously, not the stratosphere. Why is it so important that Jesus is more than a ghost, more than a spirit, more than resuscitated, more than reincarnated, more than a vision, more than a universal cosmic consciousness? Why is his resurrected life, his new life, the same, but different? Not only can this make your head hurt, but these questions tiptoe around, through, over, and below all kinds of heretical terrain. At the heart of it stands what it means to be human, created in the image and likeness of God, beautifully and wonderfully made.

You see, we are not just star dust, but are fashioned in our mother's womb as a unity of soul and body. We are not just an immortal soul deposited in a physical body, just as Jesus was not God in a skin suit. To be human is to be a body, with all its quirks, imperfections, limitations, capabilities, beauty, complexity, and mortality, and to be a soul, with all its freedom, consciousness, spirituality, willfulness, creativity, temptation, choice and immortality. Soul and body are one human nature and the soul united to the body is one human person. We are not pure spiritual beings shackled by our flesh. You are your body and you are your soul. It is, in its most perfect form, the unity of spirit and matter. God breathed life into clay. And he saw that it was good. The salvation God has wrought in Jesus isn't simply spiritual. It's not just a freedom from the material world, a journey to enlightenment that frees us from life after life or ascends us to a spiritual plane of reality. That's not human salvation. No, where Jesus goes we also will go. His resurrected body is a fully human reality, the promise of salvation uniting spirit and matter, a new heaven and a new earth, an all encompassing transformation in justice, righteousness, peace, and love. Jesus saves people, real fully human persons. Jesus's resurrection shows us that we can truly be saved in, not just separated from, our humanity.

Jesus's resurrection deals seriously and decisively with our humanity. Jesus is the same person, transformed. In love, we don't lose who we are, but are recreated into some thing new. Our identity is consistent and perfected. We become the best version of ourselves, eternally. It is not the chains of matter or flesh that are broken, but the chains of selfishness and sin that are shattered. Love sets us free to be who we were made to be, wholly and holy human. That's the big deal.

## Prayer Requests

Precious Adams  
Vickie Bays  
Margaret Barton  
Marty Bedoian  
Bob Camfield  
Carol Cook  
Don Hess  
Twilight Mayes  
Scott McCoy  
C.M. Rodes +  
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 ~ John Poole

*To become a Lector, please call or text Judy Perri at 502.599.5211.*



## Parish News

**Congratulations!....**to Ryan and Marie McEldowney on the birth of their son! Peter Isaiah was born on Saturday, April 10th, weighing in at 8 lbs and 21 inches long.



**Nativity Auction...**will be held on Friday, April 23rd as a Virtual Event. Here are some ways you can help make this event a success!

- Register to attend the event
- Purchase a \$50 raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10k
- Make a cash donation or donate Gift Cards for our Silent Auction

Raffle tickets will be on sale after both masses TODAY, and next week after the 11 am only. You can also go online and purchase admission tickets, raffle tickets, or take a chance on our wheel items. Visit <https://nativitylouisville.org/nativity-auction/> or contact Jeri Johnson at 855.3315 or [jjohnson@nativityacademy.org](mailto:jjohnson@nativityacademy.org) for more information.

**Central Louisville Community Ministries update...**St. Boniface's involvement with CLCM continues to bear fruit. The food pantry has provided food for 9048 downtown neighbors since the pandemic began in March 2020. There is ongoing need for personal care items, items can be dropped off at the CLCM office at 809 S. 4th St., rear door, Monday-Thursday from 9:30 am—1 pm. Bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, laundry pods, dish soap, razors, toilet paper, feminine hygiene, lotion are needed. Please share the word with your family and friends that emergency LG&E and water assistance is available through CLCM, and that rent assistance is available through [stopmyeviction.com](http://stopmyeviction.com). **Needed items can now be brought to the church and we will deliver them.**

**Parenting Pointers...** April 22nd is Earth Day. If you aren't able to get out in nature on Thursday, you still have the weekend. Remember "Pachamama" (Mother Earth) as a family by walking, watching animals, planting something, or saving electricity—maybe eat by candlelight.

**Marriage Moments...**When Jesus appeared to his disciples after Easter "he showed them his hands and feet" (Luke 24:40) to reveal the marks of his crucifixion. You and your beloved have been through a lot together. Relax and massage each other's hands and feet in memory of your service to each other.

**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>

## Diocesan News

**Happy Easter!...**We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let us do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. **Please return your rice bowls NEXT weekend!**



**Assumption Summer Camps 2021...**Assumption High School is excited to welcome back campers to campus this summer! Rocket campers will have the opportunity to experience over 45 different enrichment and athletic camps, with 10 brand new options, including Aviation, Camp Invention, Summer Olympic Fun, and Test Kitchen! Full descriptions of each camp, as well as dates, times, and prices can all be found at [ashrockets.org](http://ashrockets.org). As you are browsing the different camps, you will notice that each camp has three essential skills that campers will learn during their time on campus. Camps are open to boys and girls K-11. Space is limited. Please email [lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org](mailto:lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org) or call 502.271.2675 for questions.

**Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...**In segment one, Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz reminisce about Conversations with the Archbishop as Archbishop Kurtz completes 12 years of television ministry with this last episode of the show—and thank all those involved with it. During segment two, Archbishop Kurtz welcomes Dr. Mary Beth Bowling, who will become the new Superintendent of Schools, to talk about the vocation of teaching and the gifts of Catholic education. In segment three, Archbishop Kurtz shares his 2021 Easter message. Conversations airs on the Faith channel and is also available on iTunes, or online at [www.archlou.org/conversations](http://www.archlou.org/conversations)



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**Next week's readings....**

*1st Reading—*

Acts 4:8-12

*2nd Reading—*1 John 3:1-2

*Gospel Reading—*

John 10:11-18

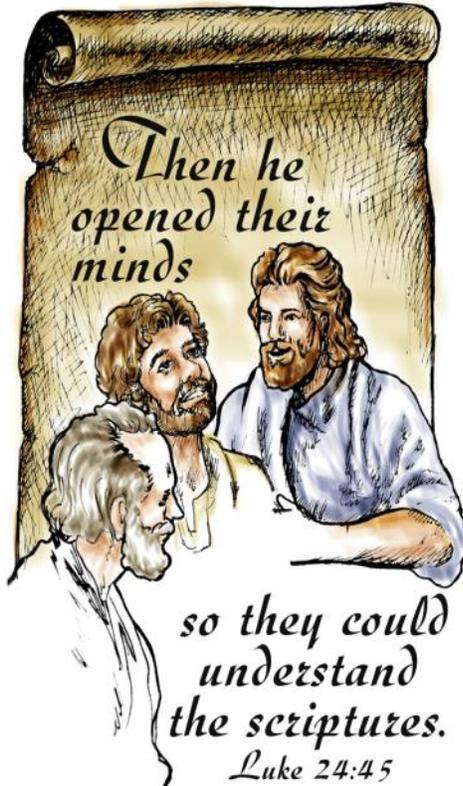
**April 11th, 2021 Collection Report**

\$4,168.89	Weekly Stewardship
\$4,250.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$(81.11)	Budget Over (Under)
\$166,250.66	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$169,500.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(3,249.34)	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 are Easter people. Whatever our circumstances may be, or the circumstances of the world, we gather today in joy because our Lord truly rose from the dead, conquering death and bringing the promise of eternal life. On Easter Sunday we renewed our baptismal promises, affirming our faith, renouncing sin and evil, and promising to follow Christ in the newness of life. Let us live our lives in the joy of the Resurrection and spread that joy to all we meet.



**Reflection on the Gospel**

Jesus' passion and resurrection transformed the table of Jesus the prophet into that of Jesus Christ the Lord and made it the springboard for the church's universal mission. If we are to be disciples who take seriously Jesus' Easter greeting of "Peace be with you!" and who offer this peace to one another around the eucharistic table, we need to create a space in our lives and our hearts where such peace with God and with our sisters and brothers can truly be at home.

**Today's Focus:**

**The Burning Joy of Jubilation**

The disciples on the road to Emmaus came to realize that the elusive, burning feeling in their hearts was actually the awakening joy of coming to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

*"Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?""*  
*Luke 24:38*

**Consider/Discuss**

*Resurrection is more glorious than we could ever imagine. Yet sometimes we allow ourselves to be satisfied with just a bland or dulled hope. How could we grow more fervent in living new life?*