



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

April 25th, 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

www.stbonifaceparish.com

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

8:30 am ~ Richard Doran + 11:00 am ~ People of the Parish

May 2nd ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (*Fr. Jeff*)

8:30 am ~ Anna Rose, Ben and Rose Dattilo+ 11:00 am ~ People of the Parish

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Welcome to the Parish!

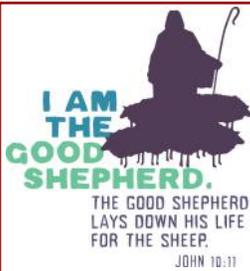
Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish family by registering as either a member or associate member. Cards are available at the doors of the church.

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.



"Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.'"

My journey to ordination as a priest was not direct. I had other plans for my life and I was afraid of losing out. It did dawn on me, however, that God might have an opinion about what I should do with my life. I hid the thought of priesthood deep within for years because, somehow, saying it out loud to another person would make it real. In addition to my own hopes and as an only child, I thought priesthood would disappoint my mom because of how much I knew she wanted grandchildren. I was immature and wanted certainty before I would ever commit to going to seminary. Once there, I had a lot of growing up to do, still, and had to face the reality of the very human side of the church. After three semesters, I left seminary with no strings attached, without an expectation I would ever go back. Three years later, after having done what I had set out to do and without an objection that would prevent me, I returned to seminary. This is when serious discernment began. I did not know, when I went back, if God was calling me to the priesthood, but I owed it to myself and to the church to find out. After September 11, 2001, I struggled with whether I could live a happy and fulfilled life as a celibate priest. Pointedly, if I were on a hijacked plane, who would I call? In the Spring of 2002, the sexual abuse scandals were exposed and I had to question how I could possibly even consider being part of an organization that caused such egregious harm and covered it up. In my final year, I faced personal limitations and dealt with an overreaction on the part of

seminary leadership. It raised a bigger question, along with the scandals, of if I could overcome my easy acquiescence to authority and live a healthy and just life within the hierarchy of the church. My ordination was delayed, but I stuck with discernment and began serving as a deacon in a parish after graduating seminary. I served with a wonderful pastor and quickly felt at home with God's people in the parish. The archbishop called me to orders and I was ordained in December, grateful for God's patience and grace over the 13 years from when I first started thinking about priesthood to the day of my ordination. 20 months later and two months after becoming a pastor for the first time, the archbishop called to ask me to take on the additional role of Associate Vocation Director, assisting others discerning the call to priesthood or religious life. I said to him, "Are you sure? You've seen my file."

Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel reading. It is the 58th anniversary, as well, of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. My journey, though not direct, was an ever deepening realization of my own identity and a discovery of the breadth and depth of God's love. It wasn't easy, but it was good. I didn't journey alone. Of course, God was with me, but the church was also discerning if God was calling me and so many of God's people helped shape me, supported me, and prayed for me. In the end, my priesthood is not my own. It is Jesus's priesthood, who is the Good Shepherd, and it is for his people, the flock he shepherds. Today, we pray that those God is calling are able to hear his voice, that they do not lose courage, and that they can say yes to whatever step is next. May young people know the personal love of the Lord for them and respond with open and generous hearts. May they find real love and their true selves on their quest. It may not be easy, but it is good!

Fr. Jeff

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 ~ Doug Korfhage
11:00 am ~ Susan Foley

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.



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. ***Needed items can now be brought to the church and we will deliver them.***

Parenting Pointers... "I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11) have you and your child ever been close to sheep? If you don't have access to a farm, there's always the zoo. Learn together what it takes to take care of sheep or any domestic animal.

Marriage Moments...In marriage it may feel good to win an argument—for the moment. It's not wrong to be right. In the long run, however, it's better not to argue about who is right, but let it go. Can you think of any exceptions to this?

Paula's Pantry....We need to restock the pantry supplies. We have been taking donations to help keep this stocked for the people who rely on it as a means of nutrition. Therefore, we are now collecting items at church and in the parish office to be put out throughout the week. We 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, jars of peanut butter and jelly to make sandwiches, etc. Checks to buy supplies would also be appreciated.

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

Rice Bowls...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. 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 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

Archdiocese of Louisville

Schools....Do you want a volunteer opportunity to BE THE DIFFERENCE™ to a child and the

community? Help Us Grow Reading Program (H.U.G.) is just what you are looking for! H.U.G. strives to impact character development while providing a positive, engaging and proven reading intervention that enables students to achieve grade-level reading by the completion of 3rd grade. H.U.G. provides free, reading tutoring including character development and leadership enabling students to develop into self-sustaining learners. Our *virtual* model allows students to learn from remote location with a tutor at a different remote location. Our *hybrid* model lets a student learn from school with a tutor at remote location. All needed training will be provided. Visit our website for information or to sign-up as a tutor at www.hugreadingprogram.org.

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—

Acts 9:26-31

*2nd Reading—*1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading—

John 15:1-8



April 18th, 2021 Collection Report

\$5,084

\$4,250

\$834

\$171,334

\$173,750

\$(2,416)

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship Budget

Budget Over (Under)

Stewardship Year-to-Date

Budget Year-to-Date

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 celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down his life for us, as he told his disciples that he would do. We likely come here today with worries and concerns on our mind. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all, salvation.

Today's Focus:

How much are you worth?

We live in a world that likes to put a price on everything. To Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the flock is beyond price, except perhaps the price of his own life.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.



Reflection on the Gospel

As our Good Shepherd, Jesus fights for us, saves us from the gaping jaws of whatever or whoever seeks to grab and destroy our discipleship and would the "little flock" of the Christian community. He shepherds us with his loving care. In contrast is the hireling who is concerned primarily with his own self-interest: his reputation, remuneration, and safety.

There are still some political, social, and ecclesial "hired men" with us, but there are also the magnificent shepherds who are willing to lay down their life for their sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man...sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away...This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." John 10:11-13

Consider/Discuss

The bond between sheep and shepherd can feel a little distant to those unfamiliar with herding. What if we altered the story to speak of one's small children or little nieces and nephews? How much money could someone pay you to save their lives? Would you run away when they were in danger? How much are they worth?