



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

May 21st, 2023

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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May 21st ~ The Ascension of the Lord (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Bobby, Jerry and Dorothy Camfield + 11:00 am ~ Albert Paalz +

May 28th ~ Pentecost (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Ann and Joyce Trott + 11:00 am ~ Bettianne and Bob Davies +

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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?

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

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.



"Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"

Have you ever considered the audacity of the great commission, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."? I have sometimes reflected on the veracity of the resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost based on the evidence of a ragtag group of mostly uneducated disciples, initially hiding in fear in an upper room, who boldly proclaimed the gospel, traveled the world on missionary journeys, and gave their lives as martyrs witnessing to God's love and salvation. It is totally unpredictable and, I dare say, miraculous. In an age before mass communication and ease of travel, it is highly improbable that they would make such gains in their own lifetimes based solely on their own efforts. Additionally, I doubt they had an organized strategic plan for the spread of Christianity. No, they simply did what seemed to be the thing to do at the time, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in obedience to God's will.

By the time the apostles all died, the religion known as The Way had reached many cities in Asia Minor and various communities in Syria, Greece, Armenia, India and Rome. When I visited India in the State of Kerala, we went to a shrine that honored the approximate location where St. Thomas, the apostle, came ashore to spread the good news. That both Saints Peter and Paul would eventually travel to Rome and be martyred there is incredible. It can be lost when we become used to a worldwide church of nearly 1.4 billion members present

in every country in the world (even, though limited, in North Korea and Saudi Arabia), but what we have today was improbable, at best, and only gained through much love and sacrifice. I believe it is the continued work of God for our salvation. It strengthens my faith.

The seed of that incredible growth was what we call the great commission. It has three parts. Notice the first part is based on who Jesus is and what he has accomplished. It is not localized, but universal, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." This man, born in Bethlehem and limited to about 100 miles of travel for his ministry, claimed universal and eternal significance. Although profoundly personal, his mission and work affected all of humanity. Likewise, the third part assures his disciples that they are not in this alone, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." The commission is rooted in who Jesus is and what he has accomplished and is dependent upon his continued presence for its fulfillment. Our source, path, and goal are Jesus. Jesus indicates that the commission is really his work through his disciples, through us.

His mission continues. It is audacious, but God loves everyone and desires to set them free, heal, reconcile, restore, and make them whole. God loves everyone and he depends on you and me to express that love. To our neighbors, families, and friends, to the poor, outcast, broken, wounded, suffering, and oppressed, to everyone everywhere, we are the hands and feet of Christ. We are commissioned to make disciples, share the good news of God's love and salvation, and serve the greatest needs. It is audacious, but it is Jesus in you and me.

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Carlotta Ingram
Jim McGrath
Twilight Mayes
Kim McCoy
Mary Frances Paalz
Cathe Rodes +
Bruce Radaker
Greg Ross Smith
Dean Scott Toller
Sharon Yates +



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: Charles Gazaway
Lector: Bob Springer
Gift Bearers:
Eucharist Minister:

11:00 am Mass

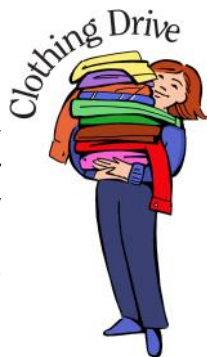
Server: Charles Gazaway
Lector: Gray Grisham
Gift Bearers: Carlotta Ingram, Twilight Mayes
Eucharist Minister:



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

All are invited... to join Archbishop Fabre for the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 11, 2023 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption (433 S. Fifth St.). The procession will form outside the Cathedral after Mass, at approximately 6:45 p.m. We will walk from the Cathedral to the Belvedere (about ½ mile), stopping at each cross street for prayer and singing. At 7:15, there will be a time of prayer and adoration at the Riverfront plaza at the Belvedere. We will return to the Cathedral at approximately 8:15 p.m. for Benediction with the archbishop, followed by an ice cream reception. Join us for all or any part of this celebration. Any parish, school, or Catholic organization may carry a banner in the procession. Recent first communicants and their families are especially invited and are welcome to wear first communion attire.

CLCM Clothing Drive... The clothes closet at Central Louisville Community Ministries is in need of men's summer clothing. We're looking for gently used men's short sleeve shirts and T's, shorts and shoes. Clothing can be secured in a plastic bag and brought to church.



Marriage Moments... What's the best argument you've ever had with your beloved? You may have felt mad at each other at the time, but what helped you get past the anger or hurt to deepen your love?

Parenting Pointers... Remember, your children are not a reflection of you. They may look like you; or not. At times you may be proud of them, at other times they may embarrass you. Your job as parent is to help them grow up. It can take a lifetime.

The Presentation Academy Parent Association... will be hosting a Bunco FUNdraiser on June 4, 2023. The bunco will be held at the Pres Theatre at 900 S. 4th St from 2:00—4:00 pm. Join us for lots of fun, snacks, shopping with local vendors, door prizes and rewards for various bunco scores and milestones. All proceeds benefit the faculty and students at Pres. Ticket are \$10 each and can be purchased at presentation academy.org

Catholic Charities... Over the summer months we will receive an unusually high number of refugee families from many countries. That means we will furnish and prepare more than 100 apartments. To donate furniture, please email Toni at aflores@archlou.org. God bless you for your kindness.



"Super Raffle" - Sisters of Charity of Nazareth... The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are holding a "Super Raffle" with a grand prize of

\$20,000, second prize of \$5,000 and third prize of \$1,000. The drawing is on Friday, July 14th at 1:00 pm. Raffle tickets are \$25 each. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold. All proceeds will support SCN ministries here in the United States and around the world in Belize, Botswana, India, Kenya and Nepal. There will be a live webcast of the Super Raffle drawing on Friday, July 14th beginning at 12:45 pm. Tickets will go fast, so don't delay. To purchase raffle tickets, please call 502.348.1519 or go to <https://nazareth.org/raffle/>

Catholic World Missions Collection... THIS weekend, our parish will take up donations for the Catholic World Missions Collection, which supports both the Catholic Home Missions and the international missionary agency, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your donations help the Church's missionary work, providing monetary assistance for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in the United States, Africa, Asia, the Pacific islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Donations fund the education and support of seminarians, religious novices, and lay catechists; the work of religious communities in education, health care, and social services; communication and transportation needs; disaster and emergency relief when necessary; and the Church's ministry to children.

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.

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.



Senior Prom... will be held Thursday, June 8th from 4:30—8:00 pm. Ages 55 and up, \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Prom will be held at the Catholic Enrichment Center, 3146 West Broadway, Louisville 40211. For more information call 502.776.0262.

Next week's readings...

1st Reading—Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading—1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel Reading— John 20:19-23



May 14th, 2023 Collection Report

\$ 3,145	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,750	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (605)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 193,741	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 180,500	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 13,241	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

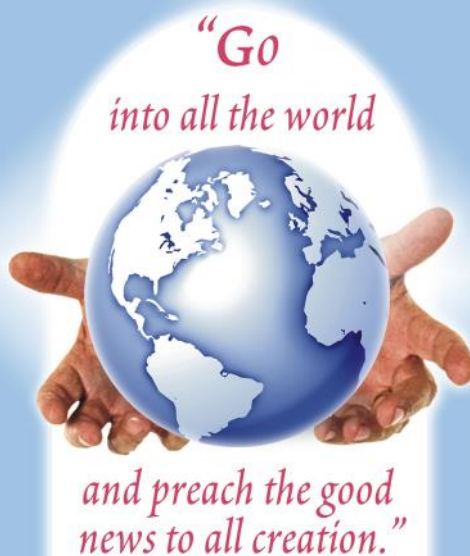
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

"I am with you always," Jesus assures his disciples even as he ascends to his Father in heaven. Indeed, he is with us here today: in the Word, proclaimed so that we may be enlightened; in the Eucharist, offered for us and received by us; in the priest, who presides over this celebration; and in each other, as we gather in his name. Jesus promised his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. We rely on that promise today and always as we week to follow him and carry out our mission.

Today's Focus: Go, Make disciples

It's tempting to think that the message and mission of Jesus is only to tend to our own lives, but today he tells us to tend others: by having them baptized as disciples.



Mark 16:15

Reflection on the Gospel

Today's gospel can serve as a reminder that fruitful work is done with intention and integrity. Let us use this season to pause, seek opportunity for retreat, and grow closer to God through the example of Jesus. When we follow Jesus' example, we give ourselves the opportunity to reorient our hearts and realign our will so that both are more closely linked with God. In our mission to bring about the kingdom of God, let us focus our vision on the Divine and grow in trust each step of the way.

"Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature..." Mark 16:15

Question of the Week

When have I doubted myself and my ability or will to do the mission Jesus calls me to do? How has the power from the Holy Spirit helped me overcome those doubts?