



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

September 4th, 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
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September 4th ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Jeff*)

8:30 am ~ Denny Kruse + /People of the Parish 11:00 am ~ Mary Beth Doheny +

September 11th ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Ann and Joyce Trott +

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/Ann Elizabeth Douglas +

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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.



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost

to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'"

While technically reserved to business decisions, who of us has not done some form of a cost-benefit analysis when considering our options? Even in our parish community and in the area of faith, we honor the faith decisions that people make to join our parish, volunteer their time and offer their talents, and contribute financially to our mission. While we may be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we also weigh the practical dimensions of what we gain and what we give. The pandemic put a focus on how a faith community can respond to a crisis and provide resiliency and belonging in the midst of uncertainty. Many (and I mean more than can be cited) studies have shown the benefits of organized religion for society and religious belief and practice for individuals.

As a society, religious involvement is related to increased levels of education, lower crime rates, greater civic involvement, higher levels of cooperation, lower divorce rates, higher marital satisfaction and better child adjustment (Harvard Business School). Organized religion in the United States contributes \$1.2 trillion to the GDP. If it were its own country, it would be the 15th largest economy in the world (Pew Research). Individually, religiosity improves health. Researchers at the Mayo

Clinic concluded, "Most studies have shown that religious involvement and spirituality are associated with better health outcomes, including greater longevity, coping skills, and health-related quality of life (even during terminal illness) and less anxiety, depression, and suicide. Several studies have shown that addressing the spiritual needs of the patient may enhance recovery from illness." Specifically, religious involvement leads to lower rates of coronary disease, emphysema and cirrhosis, lower blood pressure, and longer life expectancy (HBS). In one systematic review of available research, religion and spirituality were shown to provide positive psychological outcomes for coping with adversity, positive emotions, well-being and happiness, hope, optimism, meaning and purpose, self-esteem, sense of control, and positive character traits. Likewise, it showed practice of religion and spirituality had an inverse relationship to depression, suicide, anxiety, and substance abuse (National Center for Biotechnology Information). Connectedness, hope, optimism, trust, and purpose, associated with religious beliefs, boost mental health. Compassion, forgiveness, and gratefulness, also associated with religious beliefs, decrease stress and increase resiliency (Forbes).

If these are the benefits in this life, along with forgiveness of sins, communion with God and others, and eternal salvation, what is the cost? If the benefit is love unchained and unlimited, what do we pay? We can't just counterfeit religious belief or pretend at spirituality. We must pay the price. We must carry the cross. In other words, we must give God our all. The deal is all of me for all of God, all of you for all of God. It is a covenant, a complete gift of self, a total surrender. Whatever you are holding back, let go. Wherever you are hurt, be healed. Whenever you fail, be reconciled. Plunge in!

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Marty Bedoian
Carlotta Ingram
Louis Manion
Jim McGrath
Twilight Mayes
Lisa Murphy
Tammy Phillips +

Jordi Price
Bruce Radaker
Cathe Rodes +
Robert Shooner
Greg Ross Smith
Dean Scott Toller



Ministers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Bob Springer, Charles Gazaway

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy

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Eucharist Minister:



11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Dawn Wibbels

Gift Bearers: Twilight Mayes and Carlotta Ingram

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Perri

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with week of September 16-18, call 479.3329 or email 3012@helpourmarriage.org

Central Louisville Community Ministries... Please continue to bring clothing to church during the month of September and we will deliver them to CLCM. Each week we will ask for toiletry items that cannot be bought with food stamps. Next week we will collect **razors**. There are no longer any funds left in the city for helping our neighbors who are in jeopardy of having their LG&E shut off. Normally the funds last until December, but with the increase in the cost of living it ran out early. When utilities are shut off landlords can evict. If you would like to help please send a check to: Central Louisville Community Ministries (memo line: LG&E assistance) 809 S. 4th St., Louisville, KY 40203

Marriage Moments... Isn't it ironic that Labor Day is a day when many adults get OFF work? However sweet your love for each other may be, the work of love takes no holiday. Do a favor for your honey today. Open a door, get a cold drink, watch the kids unbidden. It needn't be major, just do it.

Hand in Hand Ministries... Are you looking for an immersion trip experience this Fall? Join us in Appalachia: September 21-24 or October 6—9 to assist with home repairs for our neighbors in eastern Kentucky. No skills are needed, just an open heart. If either of these interest you, give us a call at 502.459.9930 or email Allison@myhandinhand.org. To find out more information visit, www.myhandinhand.org/appalachia.

Parenting Pointers... "I, Paul, an old man...on behalf of my child Onesimus...send my own heart back to you." (Philemon 9-10). For parents, so much of our energy and "heart" goes into caring for our child(ren). It doesn't matter if the child is biological, foster, adoptive. Children call us to love more deeply.

2022 Walk for Life... Make plans to join Right to Life of Louisville on Sunday, September 18th at Seneca Park for our 2022 Walk for Life. We'll have ice cream, a balloon artist for the kids, music provided by Way FM, and prizes! This fun, family-orientated event is the perfect way to show your support for life! For more info and to register, visit rtlou.or/events.walkforlife. You can contact our office at 502.897.5433 with any questions.



Did you know?... Happy Labor Day! We provide culinary arts job training, help immigrants and refugees fluent in English to become well-paid interpreters, support those exiting human trafficking and pursuing employment that leads to self-sufficiency, and help newly arriving refugees find good-paying jobs within their first 90 days in America. Much of our work is rooted in the Catholic Social Teaching of the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Red Mass 2022... Please join the legal and judicial communities for the annual Red Mass, which invokes God's blessing and guidance on all those in the legal community, including attorneys, judges, paralegals, and clerks. Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre will celebrate this Mass on Wednesday, September 28th at 12:15 pm at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

Hildegard House Volunteers... Join our community of compassion volunteers at Hildegard House. We provide a home and compassionate care for the individuals at the end of life who have no home or loved ones to care for them so they may die with dignity and access to hospice care. We are the family for our residents and care for them like family members. To learn more and sign up for the next training go to www.hildegardhouse.org.

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

2nd Reading—1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Reading— Luke 15:1-32

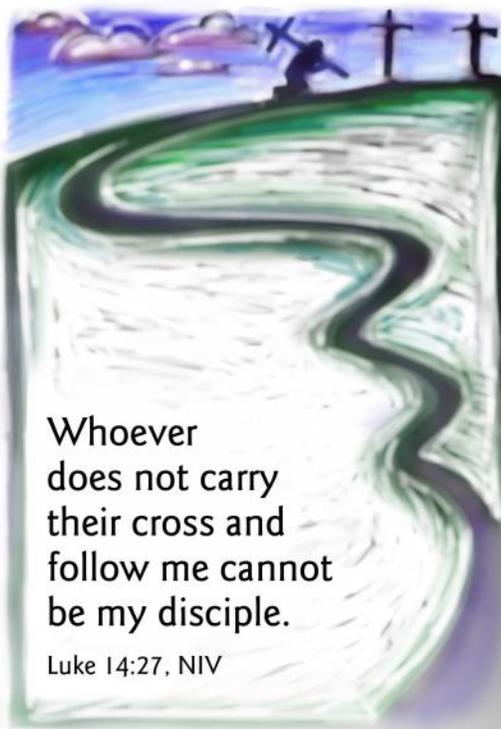


August 28, 2022 Collection Report

\$ 2,687	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,750	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (1,063)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 33,198	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 29,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 4,198	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

The Holy Spirit draws us here today to worship our Lord, to listen to God's word, and to celebrate the Eucharistic. On this holiday weekend, as we recognize the blessings of human labor and of all those who work, whether they are paid or unpaid, we are also inspired to take part in the Lord's work. May this Eucharist strengthen us as we labor in the vineyard, helping to bring Christ's saving message to a hungry world.



Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27, NIV

Reflection on the Gospel

Both the builder and the king in Jesus's parable today are people of some means; to fail in what they set out to do will be a cause of great shame. Jesus seems to suggest that it is disciples who have some material and social means at their disposal who need to consider the cost of discipleship most carefully, because they will pay a greater price in terms of social status and possessions if they give up these to follow him. Today's gospel is both an encouragement and a challenge.

Today's Focus: We Didn't Start the Fire...But We Keep It Going

A primary image of the Holy Spirit is as fire or flames. The fire begun on Pentecost still has to be tended these many Sundays later so the flame of faith might continue to burn brightly in the world.

"So then, none of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his possessions."
Luke 14:33

Question of the Week

*How strong is my commitment to being a disciple?
What am I willing to give up and what am I willing to accept?*