



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

September 10th, 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  
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September 10th ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am Pat Pepper +/- People of the Parish

11:00 am ~ Bob Baker +, Albert Paalz +

September 17th ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am Marry and William McGrath +/- People of the Parish

11:00 am ~ Rose, Anthony and Leo 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?

*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.**



**"Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault between  
you and him alone.  
If he listens to you, you have won  
over your brother.  
If he does not listen,**

**take one or two others along with you,  
so that 'every fact may be established  
on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'  
If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.  
If he refuses to listen even to the church,  
then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax  
collector.'"**

I love the big ideas and sweeping themes of the Bible and theology. We heard one last week, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." I love that! But, I also love the imminently practical guidance offered in the Bible. Jesus does so today. What do you do if somebody, especially someone in the church, wrongs you? Go talk to that person! Give an opportunity for open communication, resolution of differences, and reconciliation. Too often, I'm tempted to nurse my wounds, seek sympathy from others, talk bad about someone behind their back, or stew in my anger. When I give in, regrettably, my actions do not lead to unity or peace, but to division, suspicion, distrust, and a simmering internal conflict waiting to erupt. It's hard to build the kingdom of God when that's the environment!

Jesus is concerned in today's gospel about communion, building a true oneness of mind and heart to do the will of God. Resolving conflict (there will always be conflict), agreeing in prayer, and gathering in his name lead to unity and true communion. Notice that direct communication with the one who has wronged you is only the first step. If there is no resolution, it moves to a slightly wider circle, then to a wider circle again, then to

disassociation. In a sense, this principle in the church is connected to subsidiarity. Subsidiarity is the principle of Catholic Social Teaching that a decision, issues, or responsibilities should be handled at the lowest or closest organizational level possible to those who are affected. Centralized master planning and decision making about every detail is eschewed. Pope Francis doesn't pick what songs we sing each Sunday at Mass (to be honest, neither do I), but that is as it should be. The Holy Spirit works in each of us and our structures should reflect both the stability and sustainability necessary to advance the mission of the Gospel, as well as, the freedom for each to use their gifts as they are called to do by God. Sometimes there is tension, but the answer is always to talk to each other. When we are in living communion, we are seeking the same thing and can trust that Jesus will guide us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

In navigating issues within our own community, I encourage you to do the same. Talk to each other. Seek understanding, resolution, and reconciliation. At our Presbyteral Assembly (the annual four day gatherings of priests from the Archdiocese of Louisville) in June, Archbishop Shelton said, "To truly listen to the other, you have to be willing to change your mind. Not that that will necessarily happen, but without that willingness, you're not really listening." To talk with each other, we have to be willing to be changed by that encounter, not just trying to change the other. If our shared agenda is communion, not just my personal wants or desires, we may find that we ourselves are changed. When we gather, then, Jesus Christ will truly be in our midst. I love this!

*Fr. Jeff*

## Prayer Requests

Twilight Ingram—Mayes  
Mary Frances Paalz  
Cathe Rodes +  
Dick Robison  
Greg Ross Smith  
Dean Scott Toller  
Sonny Wick  
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 Ministers: Charles Gazaway

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

Server: Nick Perri  
Lector: Gray Grisham  
Gift Bearers: Eucharist Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Judy Perri,  
Dan Barlow

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

## New Online Giving Platform—

**Parish Giving...** We have launched our new online giving platform. Now is a great time to consider utilizing this new platform via your mobile device or online at the parish website. Our goal with this new platform is to improve the end user experience and we are confident that you will find it user friendly. To start, select one of these options: from your mobile device, text "giving" to 1.502.747.1110 and follow the prompts, OR visit the parish website [www.stbonifaceparish.com](http://www.stbonifaceparish.com) and click on GIVE, OR scan the QR code and follow the prompts. If you have any questions please contact Patty Loerch in the parish office at 502.584.4279 or email [patty@stbonifaceparish.com](mailto:patty@stbonifaceparish.com)



**Marriage Moments...** "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Romans 13:9) Of course a married person's closest neighbor is your spouse and spouses can sometimes be irritating. Is there a complaint you have about your beloved? Try to avoid criticizing each other for one week.

**Parenting Pointers...** September 10th is Grandparents Day. Most grandparents would appreciate a call, visit, or homemade expression of affection more than a store bought gift. This could be an occasion to link up with history. Ask a grandparent to tell stories, maybe even slightly embarrassing ones about how you, their parent, was raised.

**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 am Mass.

**The St. Patrick Rosary Guild...**A weekly saying of the Rosary will continue today between masses. We will meet in the church in the St. Timothy Chapel at 10:30 am.



CENTRAL LOUISVILLE  
Community Ministries

**CLCM...**In 2017, St. Boniface began a partnership to assist our

church neighbors with emergency rent and utility assistance, food, clothes, personal care items and more. That partnership is with Central Louisville Community Ministries, and joins us to nine other downtown congregations. YOU can help with this ministry on Thursday, September 14th using this link: <https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/central-louisville-community-ministries>. This is a Give for Good Day, a 24 hour period of online donations for CLCM and many other worthwhile non-profit groups in the metro Louisville area. Every donation to CLCM has a chance of being doubled by generous sponsors, and helps CLCM unlock prize money. Your support will e much appreciated.

## 2023 Catholic Higher Education

**Collection...**Next weekend, our parish will take up the annual collection for Catholic Higher education. Catholic colleges and universities strive to form students in the spirit of faith and educate them in the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. This collection supports the Catholic University of America as well as the two Catholic universities in our Archdiocese—Bellarmino University and Spalding University.



**Red Mass 2023...**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 Tuesday, September 26th at 12:15 pm at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth St. People of all faiths who serve in the legal profession are invited to attend.

**Maui Wildfire...** donations can be made here: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org> and click on the "Help Today" button.

## Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Sirach 27:30—28:7

2nd Reading—Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Reading— Matthew 18:21-35



## September 3rd, 2023 Collection Report

\$ 2,516	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,250	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (734)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 34,136	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 37,250	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ (3,114)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

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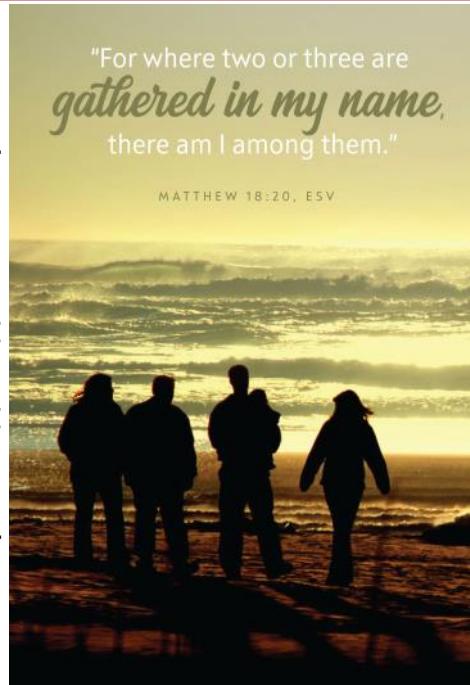
## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we hear Jesus assure his disciples that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with them. Our confidence in his promise assures us that Jesus is here with us now as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Aware that God is with us in our midst, let us raise our voices and lift our hearts unto the Lord.

### Today's Focus:

#### Hearing...and Listening

The path from ruined to healed relationships, from brokenness to forgiveness and then reconciliation, is a path that requires communications: hearing, and listening.



"For where two or three are  
*gathered in my name,*  
there am I among them."

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

## Reflection on the Gospel

Forgiveness and reconciliation are one of the painful ways that we take up our cross and follow Jesus, whether in Matthew's first century community or in today's church. In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples how to conduct this process. The authority of "binding" and "loosing" that two weeks ago we heard was given to Peter to exercise in a particular way is here extended to the whole church, because it is not only the leaders who must accept responsibility for reconciliation within the community.

*"The commandments...are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Romans 13:9*

## Question of the Week

*With whom do I need to reconcile? How can I go about it fruitfully?*