



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

September 11th, 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 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 +

September 18th ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Mary and William McGrath +

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/Dorothy/Bobby and Jerry Camfield +

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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.



"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and

eats with them.' So to them he addressed this parable. 'What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.'"

Years ago at St. Boniface, I sat in the confessional alone for several minutes with no penitents coming to receive reconciliation. Finally, a man came in and knelt down as I began, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." "Oh, father," he replied, "I don't need to go to confession. I thought you might be lonely in here all by yourself and just came to talk." It was a kind gesture, but it is rare anymore that the confessional is a lonely place! Thanks be to God. I don't know if more people are going to confession, if some people are going more often, if there are fewer priests to hear the same number of confessions, or if my perception that the confessional is busier than it used to be is just wrong. In any case, those who come, whether every week or for the first time in half a century, are genuine in their repentance and receive mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation without limit and as often as they need. I

find, in my priesthood, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is where I am closest to the heart of God, his compassion and his joy. For those who receive the sacrament, thank you for the gift you give to me. If you haven't gone in a while, please prayerfully consider if now is the time.

Jesus welcomes and eats with sinners. He searches for the lost, but sinners, too, are drawn to him. They seek him out. Unlike the Pharisees, Jesus doesn't shun them, keep them at arms length, or devalue them. Jesus loves them. He doesn't shy away from telling them the truth, but the combination of the truth and love is powerful. It is magnetic. Too often, we see the truth separated from love. That is cold, harsh, rigid, and legalistic (much like the Pharisees). We all feel judged. Likewise, love separated from the truth is built on sand, mushy, lacking conviction or sacrifice, and, ultimately, self serving. Does it mean anything? Together, however, truth and love proclaim good news to the poor, set free the captives, give sight to the blind and make the lame walk. In God's grace, truth and love change hearts and lives for the better. Truly, the lowly are lifted up. Lovingly, the proud are cast down in their conceit.

Why is there more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance? Perhaps it is because righteous people who have no need of repentance don't actually exist, except in their own minds. We are all sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God and are in need of repentance. I, for one, am still in need of a savior. May my life, our lives, bring joy to God, not because we don't need repentance, but because when we fail, we turn back to God in truth and love.

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: Doug Korfhage

Lector: Bob Springer

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy

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Eucharist Minister: Charles Gazaway



Ministry Team

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Nick Perri, Charles Gazaway

Lector: Judy Perri

Gift Bearers: Sally Lenihan, Pat Robison

Eucharistic Minister:

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 **toilet paper**. 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... 21 years ago on September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the USA. It was a frightening time. How do you and your beloved deal with fear? Fear of loss of income, health, death...? How do you comfort each other? What is frightening you today? Talk about 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... Today is Grandparents Day. Join with you children in telling your (or their) grandparents how much they mean to you. Grandparents are the carriers of history. Ask them what they've learned and how the world has changed. Listen. If they are no long living, talk with them in prayer.

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.

2022 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 the two Catholic universities in our Archdiocese.—Bellarmine University and Spalding University.

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.

Give For Good 2022... Louisville's largest 24 hours of online giving is almost here! Give for Good 2022 is Thursday, September 15th. There are so many wonderful non-profits to support in the metro area, and our partner, Central Louisville Community Ministries is one of them. To support their work with our neighbors experiencing housing, utility and food insecurity, visit giveforgoodlouisville.org. Your donation may be doubled by a matching grant!

Next week's readings....

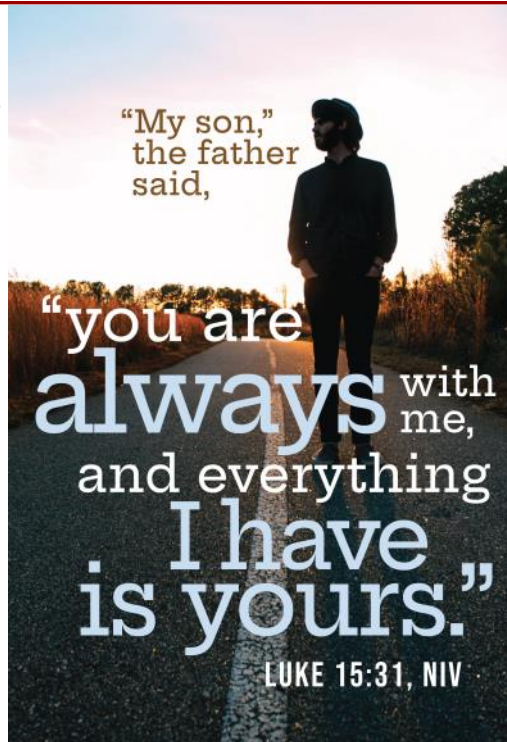
1st Reading—Amos 8:4-7
2nd Reading—1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel Reading— Luke 16:1-13

September 4, 2022 Collection Report

\$ 2,498	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,250	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (752)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 35,595	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 32,250	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 3,345	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

In today's Gospel we hear the Pharisees disparage Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them. Jesus turns their criticism on its head by telling them three parables that show how much joy God finds in one repentant sinner. We sinners are welcomed to this banquet today where Jesus provides himself as the meal to share. Let us approach the altar with repentant hearts, thankful for God's constant mercy.



Reflection on the Gospel

The parable of the Prodigal Son can be regarded as the gospel in miniature. In giving this sons their inheritance, the father displays radical "foolish" love, allowing the younger boy the freedom to leave home. When he goes out to welcome his son back home, the father again shows his foolish, costly love: there is no cool, reserved reception of his son, but a running welcome, a kiss, and embrace. The parable shows us that God is also prodigal—a spendthrift with his love for each one of us.

Today's Focus: Making Compassion Our Passion

What motivates God to seek out sinners? It is God's compassion that does this, a compassion so strong that it ultimately had to be expressed in passion—on the cross.

"They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it..." Exodus 32:8

Question of the Week

Who is lost and needs me? Am I willing to help to the point of looking foolish?