



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

September 25th, 2022

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am and 11:00 am  
Reconciliation on Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 am

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September 25th ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Jerry McGrath +/People of the Parish

11:00 am ~ Health and well being of the McEldowney Family

October 2nd ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Jeff*)

8:30 am ~ JoLee McGrath + 11:00 am ~ Bettianne and Bob Davies + / 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.***



*"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses."*

The Gospel reading is the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Familiar to us, it is so rich in terms of urgency for our decision to follow Jesus. There is no guarantee of a future option to choose belief and Jesus Christ. Now is the time. I was struck, however, by the second reading. Paul is charging Timothy with keeping the faith. In particular, Paul provides a counter cultural image of what it means to follow Jesus. In Paul's day, and in ours, following Jesus does not accept the cultural norms, but calls us to something much more. If written for our culture, it might read, "But you, man of the world, pursue pleasure, popularity, possessions, potency, power, prestige, and privilege. Compete well for success. Lay hold of the good life..." The real danger is that with that as our mantra, we become willing to sacrifice the things that give meaning, bring fulfillment, provide purpose, raise happiness, and truly matter for our lives. When we substitute the fleeting for the rock solid, even transcendent, we are left with a foundation of sand. We can come to a point of emptiness, looking back at our life with regret. We may reach the good life, so called, but fail to attain a life well lived.

Paul charges Timothy to live for a higher vision: righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Apart from a somewhat skewed vision of love, the rest of these are laughed at in our popular culture. Yet, there is something in all of these that raises our eyes, that resonates in our depths, and that affirms

our best selves. Righteousness is living in right relationship with ourselves, others, and God, respecting the dignity of every human person, promoting true human freedom and flourishing, fostering virtue, and committing to integrity and humility. Devotion shifts our focus from selfishness to something bigger than ourselves. It is a move to sacrifice for that which is greater than me, whether family, community, society, humanity, creation, or God. Faith, of course, is leaping into the arms of our Heavenly Father, believing in the face of uncertainty, trusting in the face of trial, and abandoning ourselves to find ourselves. It is dying and rising, again. Love is so much more than a feeling, a completion of ourselves, or selfishness disguised in doing good. It is a gift of ourselves for the good of another. It is our own sacrifice wholly on behalf of another. Jesus didn't die on the cross for us because he felt like it, because it was his path to enlightenment, or because it bolstered his self esteem. He willed it because he loves us, for our good alone. Love is who Jesus is and who we are made to be. Without love, we are lost. Patience is love extended over time. It places others at the center and moves our desires out of the way. It is calm, resilience, and sacrifice in the face of turmoil. Patience waits for God's providence. Gentleness is love extended in action. It is strength in the storm, restraint amid passion, and peace in conflict. It honors the other with dignity in the midst of weakness. Gentleness accepts and receives God's providence.

This is how we compete for the faith, how we lay hold of eternal life. It is not in pleasure, popularity, possessions, potency, power, prestige, or privilege, but in righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Ultimately, it is God's work in us, but God requires our consent. He needs our yes. A life well lived begins with a yes to God.

*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: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Doug Korfhage

Gift Bearers: Gary and Cathy Zirnheld

Eucharist Minister:

*11:00 a.m. Mass*

Server: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Dawn Wibbels

Gift Bearers: Sally Lenihan and Pat Robison

Eucharistic Minister:

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

**Anniversary Masses for 2022**...Registrations will begin soon via your local parish, but for now, the dates, times, and locations are as follows. The Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years married will take place at noon at the Cathedral of the Assumption on Sunday, November 20th. The Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating 30, 40, 50 and 60+ years married will take place at noon at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 18th. Please come join us to celebrate so many wonderful years of married love.

**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.



**He came to our pantry**...for food but was in tears. He spoke to Deacon Andy of his

late wife, of how much he missed her, and of her love for gardening and butterflies. Deacon Andy led him to a small grotto where among the flowers were a multitude of butterflies. Then, one butterfly flitted onto the statue of Mary, where it remained. "I think her presence is with us," he said. He left with bags of food and a lighter heart. Read more at [cclou.org/stories](http://cclou.org/stories)

**Hand in Hand Ministries**...Are you looking for an immersion trip experience this Fall? Join us in Appalachia: October 6—9 to assist with home repairs for our neighbors in eastern Kentucky. No skills are needed, just an open heart. If this interests you, give us a call at 502.459.9930. To find out more information visit, [www.myhandinhand.org/appalachia](http://www.myhandinhand.org/appalachia).

**Parenting Pointers**... "There was a rich man...and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." (Luke 16:19-20) Is your family rich or poor? It probably depends on who you compare yourself to. Talk with your child about you might help someone poorer than you.

**Marriage Moments**... "Woe to the complacent..." (Amos 6:1) Sometimes in marriage we settle into a comfortable routine—Fine. But sometimes that routine morphs into boredom. Does your marriage need a change of pace to refresh it? OR, Maybe you've had enough excitement lately and you just need to chill. Decide together.

**St. John's Center**...is currently in need of these supplies: paper towels, matches, toothbrushes, small paper cups, men's briefs or boxers (M, L, XL+)



**Ministry for the Chronically Ill**...and their Caregivers. Are you or someone you love chronically ill and in need of spiritual support? Are you a caregiver for someone chronically ill and wish to feel God's increased presence? The Marantha Retreat is a day long event that uses the teachings of St. Ignatius to reignite the sense of purpose and renewed hope for the ill and those who care for them. The retreat will be held on November 12th at the Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Drive from 9 am to 6 pm. Attendance is free, but preregistration is required. For more information or to register, contact Denise Puckett in the Family Ministries Office at 502.636.0296 or at [dpuckett@archlou.org](mailto:dpuckett@archlou.org)

**Healthcare Heroes**...With special gratitude to those who serve in the healthcare field, Archbishop Shelton Fabre invites healthcare professionals to the annual Mass for medical professional (also known as the White Mass) on Sunday, October 16th at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The Mass is a Catholic liturgy but a warm invitation is extended to persons of all faiths who serve in the healthcare field. Invoking the blessing of St. Luke, the patron saint of physicians, this event gathers doctors, dentists, nurses, psychologists, respiratory therapists, physical therapists and all who work in healthcare to ask God's blessing upon those who serve in this profession. Medical professionals are asked to wear their uniforms to the Mass.

## Next week's readings....

*1st Reading*—Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4  
*2nd Reading*—2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
*Gospel Reading*— Luke 17:5-10



## September 18, 2022 Collection Report

\$ 3,804	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 3,250	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ 554	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 43,402	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 38,750	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 4,652	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Too late! While he was alive, the rich man in today's Gospel ignored the beggar Lazarus at his gate. Now he suffers in torment. In death a great chasm separates him from paradise, an expanse he can never cross. It is too late for this man who spent his life taking care of himself and ignoring those in need. But it is not too late for us.

No matter our age, we can change our attitudes and behavior. As the seasons change around us, let us consider the possibility of change within us.

### Today's Focus: The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

In times of hurt or trouble, we need to find places of comfort. For those who live in comfort, the responsibility is to become a place of comfort for all, not a place of more hurt or trouble.



### Lazarus & The Rich Man

generosity, individual and group advocacy, information that stirs the heart to outreach, ethical business investments, or responsible voting; we are called to respond to the word of God in this life.

### Reflection on the Gospel

Do we ever allow ourselves to be challenged by those who are covered with the contemporary "sores" of unemployment, disabilities, need for asylum, abuse? When "The poor" are just an abstract concept, the continue to be separated from us by a great chasm. We must try to bridge the chasm in whatever way we can: through personal

*"Abraham said to the rich man, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'" Luke 16:31*

### Question of the Week

*Who is the "Lazarus" at my gate? What can I do for them this week?*