



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Weekly

November 7th, 2021

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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November 7th~ Thirty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Quan)*

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish 11:00 am ~ Richard Doran+

November 14th~ Thirty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Jeff)*

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish/Jerry Camfield + 11:00 am ~ Don Mudd+

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Welcome to the Parish!

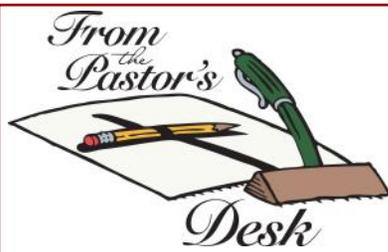
Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish family by registering as either a member or associate member. Cards are available at the doors of the church.

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.



"He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two

small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'"

One of the most generous people I have known was the owner of his own business and has since passed away, God rest his soul. He was challenged early in his success by a Baptist friend of his to give 10% of his income or earnings to the church and other charitable causes. He discerned that was a worthy goal and began giving at that level, but because of his success, he realized at the end of each year that he was having to adjust upward just to make the 10%. After some further discernment, he and his wife decided that they would give at 20% of their income and earnings. For them, it began to feel like a race to see how much they could give away. After ensuring an inheritance and ownership of the company to their children, they formed a charitable foundation for their company, for each of themselves, and for the family as a whole. To meet a need in one campaign, they were able to give 1.8 million dollars through those entities to secure a future vision for the mission of the gospel in a parish community. Their generosity encouraged the generosity of others to reach a common goal. Their generosity was over and above expectations. It was sacrificial love for God and others.

Our relationship with money is an important step on the journey of faith. Jesus talks more about money and wealth than about almost anything else. Our problem is thinking about the church as only asking for more money. We tend to see it as a scarcity of resources game. A limited amount of financial resources must be divided among competing needs. Certainly, there are needs to be met, but our paradigm usually equates a gain for one as a loss for another. We are typically set in an either/or mindset. I choose to see it as God's bountiful abundance. God provides all the resources necessary to meet his purposes through us. In my own journey of faith, I have come to see my salary as a gift. As with any gift from God, it also carries with it a responsibility to use it for his purpose and glory. I am both grateful for the gift and excited to see how God can use it to help meet the needs of others. While there is no specific mandate, it provides me freedom to also think of 10% of my income as the baseline for my giving. I am often called to go beyond that amount for particular needs, but it is always a prayerful response to God's work and action. My generosity brings me joy, satisfaction, and a deep sense of belonging in community and for a common goal. I am a happy giver.

Today's gospel reading teaches us an important lesson. For God, it is not about the amount we can give, whether large or small. Instead, it is about sacrifice, our giving being a true act of love. When we come to see love for others as the basis of our relationship with money and our generosity, it grounds us in the kingdom of God. It provides a guidepost for our decisions and freedom to experience the joy of a generous spirit. We are destined for an eternity of love, the gift of giving and receiving all that we are and have. Our choice to give now prepares us for eternity. Jesus has given us the greatest gift, his life upon the cross for ours. In love, we simply return it.

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Margaret Barton
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Betty Chambers +
Don Hess
Louis Manion
Twilight Mayes
C.M. Rodes +
Greg Ross Smith
Dean Scott Toller



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 a.m. Mass

Server: Doug Korfhage , Charles Gazaway

Lector: Bridget Davison

Gift Bearers: Ian and Bonnie Davison

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Nick Perri, Charles Gazaway

Lector: Dawn Wibbels

Gift Bearers: Carlotta Ingram and Twilight Mayes

If you are interested in serving, please see the sign up sheets



Parish News

Remembrance Sunday...will be held TODAY. We cordially invite you and your family to St. Boniface to remember and celebrate those of our family and our parish who have died. We will chant the Litany of the Saints and all will come forward to light a memory candle at the foot of the altar. Mass will follow with music and prayers that we hope will bring peace and joy to you. Please call the parish office with names to include at the mass.



Note from Fr. Jeff and Fr. Quan...regrettably, there are some who try to take advantage of your generosity through scams. We regularly see email or text scams asking for you to help, usually leading to a request for gift cards.. Our phone and emails have never been compromised, but scammers have become more sophisticated through the information available online and seek to exploit our relationship. We will never contact you to directly ask for gift cards or cash. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the parish office.

Parenting Pointers... Time can be tricky. In many countries Daylight Savings Time is about to end soon. That means you will gain an hour. What will your family do with one extra hour? Choose some fun (maybe new) things to do together.

Marriage Moments...Life is heavy; sometimes too heavy. Just for fun, pick a day this week to walk in each other's shoes. (Do each other's chores, maybe even dress or talk like your beloved.) Have fun!

Central Louisville Community Ministries update...Our ability to provide emergency rent and utility assistance to our neighbors in need has greatly expanded during the pandemic due to increased federal and local grants. We're grateful to St. Boniface donors and the network of other congregations who are supporting us in this work. We continue to ask for donations of personal care items (but NO over-the-counter medications). **Needed items can now be brought to the church and we will deliver them.**

Diocesan News

CSA 2021...The theme of this year's Appeal is from sacred scripture, Psalm 39:8 – **Lord, for What Do I Wait? My Hope Is in You.** These words invite us to hope in the Lord as we faithfully respond to God's call. We humbly ask that you support the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Your gift is a tangible way to put your faith into action, making a difference in YOUR parish and throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville. **For what do we wait?** Your offering to the Catholic Services Appeal will help bring Christ to others, in every corner of the Archdiocese of Louisville. **Our hope is in Him.** Our hope is indeed in the Lord, and we are called to place our trust in Him. Your gift, in any amount, is a faithful expression of your hope and trust in the Lord and will be received with my deepest gratitude.



Help for Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retrō-vī) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with the weekend of February 18-20, 2022, call 502-479-3329; email: 3012@helpourmarriage.org; or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

KY KIDS NEED YOU!

BECOME A FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT



Virtual Informational Meetings:
Nov. 2 & Dec. 7 @ 5:45pm
Individual meetings available upon request.
Email to RSVP: BethW@SJKids.org
Phone: (502) 893-0241 ext. 204
Visit our website at: www.SJKIDS.org

Next week's readings...

1st Reading—Daniel 12:1-3

2nd Reading—Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel Reading— Mark 13:24-32



October 31st, 2021 Collection Report

\$2,665	Weekly Stewardship
\$3,200	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$(535)	Budget Over (Under)
\$58,803	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$56,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$2,803	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

During November, we remember and honor all those who have preceded us in death. We recall especially those who have passed away this past year. It is normal to struggle with one's faith when in the throes of grief. Death comes with trauma and questions that we can never answer satisfactorily. Why was she taken so soon? Why did he suffer so much? How will our family get through this? We come together today, and each Sunday, as a family of faith to be nourished at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. May the resurrected Lord, whom we receive in the Eucharist, strengthen and comfort us as we pray for those we have lost.

Today's Focus: God of the Little

Throughout scripture, God's power is always with the weak and lowly, God's favor is with the small and the marginalized. No matter how frail or little we may be, God considers that to be our greatness.

"...she...put in everything - all she had..."

Mark 12:44



Reflection on the Gospel

We should not read into this gospel a romanticization of poverty nor a condemnation of large donations. It is the motivation behind gifts, large or small, that is important. To give out of our surplus may be useful for taxation purposes, or a generous donation may be great publicity for the corporate business image. We may be able to think of ways the church is not exempt from such temptations. It is acting out of love that makes the difference in the eyes of God.

"...Amen I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Mark 12:43-44

Consider/Discuss

Littleness and abundance—what makes it so hard to be willing to be small? What impresses us? What drives us to want to look important?