



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

November 8th, 2020

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 8th ~ Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)

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

November 15th ~ Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish 11:00 am ~ Andrew DeGrella +

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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.



"Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.'"

Like anything that is exceptional, wisdom doesn't just happen. All of our lives contain the stuff of which wisdom can be made, but there are innumerable ways that we may get derailed from the path. Pride can lead us to believe that no one has anything to teach us. Fear of failure can prevent us from taking initiative. Disappointment can inhibit our motivation. Laziness can keep us from exerting effort. Comfort can lull us into complacency. These are just a few of the obstacles that can divert us to foolishness. There are many others. The first reading almost makes it sound easy, "Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." To love and to seek wisdom, however, are actions that move us to overcome the obstacles and receive wisdom as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is not automatic.

At the age of 18 and heading off to basic training in less than a month, I went to the old Showcase Cinemas on Bardstown Road to see the movie *Dead Poets Society*. Starring Robin Williams as a English teacher at a private boarding school for boys, it is a coming of age movie with a tragic ending. In one of the many iconic scenes, Williams takes his class to view the trophy case containing old photos of prior students at the entrance of the school. He has one of the students read the first stanza of the 17th century poem *To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time* by Robert Herrick.

Gather ye rose-buds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles today
Tomorrow will be dying.

He then reminds these high school students of their mortality and introduces the phrase *carpe diem* (movie translation, *seize the day*). Without reviewing the original meaning of *carpe diem* in Horace's 2,000 year old poem, the various philosophical interpretations of this through time, even verging on hedonism, or a more modern appropriation of it as YOLO (you only live once), Williams ends his quirky exercise by whispering the words, "Make your lives extraordinary."

At that point in my life, the flames of passion, achievement, and excellence were stoked. I wanted nothing more than for my life to be extraordinary. Many things have changed, but that desire remains in some way. Even though I recognize the value of and, at times, yearn for a simple and ordinary life, that can be imbued with extraordinary love. A life lived to its fullest potential with generosity, holiness, and sacrificial service is extraordinary. To love and to seek wisdom as a gift of the Holy Spirit is not common. It is exceptional and extraordinary. It is worthy of the effort. Even the effort is a gift of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is, in a sense, the breath of God. Spiration is an almost obsolete word for breathing and has the technical theological meaning of the procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son. We are inspired by God to seek and to love wisdom. We aspire to grow in wisdom or to be wise. It is all the action of God, just like breathing, but don't let time slip away. Overcome the obstacles. Seize the day. Receive the gift. In wisdom and in love, make your life extraordinary.

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Vickie Bays
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Don Hess
Family of Debra
Hornback
Twilight Mayes
Scott McCoy
Carol Nord
Family of Bob Schuler
Greg Smith
Dean Toller



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office at 584.4279.

Lectors for Today:

8:30 am ~ Susan Foley
11:00 am ~ Judy Perri

If you would like to sign up to be a Lector, please call or text Judy Perri at 502.599.5211. We have openings for the 11:00 am mass in November.



Ministry Team

Parish News

Remembrance Sunday...is TODAY at both masses. We are glad you could join us to remember and celebrate those of your 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.

Marriage Moments... Hopefully you are both healthy, but just suppose your spouse approached you today and said, "The doctor said I only have a year to live." share your feelings about this news. Then talk about how you would spend this next year if it were true. Can you do one of the actions this year?

Parenting Pointers... One your kids are about 3 or older, you start to notice their talents. One may be creative or get good grades. Another is athletic, a good talker, or actor. The point is not which talent one has but not to squander it. (Mt. 25:15) Using a talent takes time and work. Model that; but don't steal the time from your vocation or parent..

Christmas Help Needed:

Angel Tree for Nativity...All Angels are for students families at Nativity Academy. Please attach the angel as a gift tag on your wrapped gift and return it to church on Sunday, December 6th. We are in need of gift cards for families to make dinner, if you would like please bring a Kroger, Walmart or Target gift card and these will be given out to our families. If you prefer to use our volunteer shoppers, you may choose to attach your check to an angel and return it to church or school before December 6th. The suggested amount for angels for the children is \$60.00. The tree should be up by November 22nd.

Catholic Charities Christmas 2020—Presents with a Purpose...is assisting families and individuals served through Catholic Charities of Louisville. We anticipate that this season, we will need more help than ever. Once we have collected all unwrapped gifts, Catholic Charities will set up a "shopping area" for families to have the opportunity to choose gifts for their family. We believe this provides self-respect and dignity for families while ensuring children get sizes that fit and toys that fulfill his or her wish list. An insert is provided with a wish list. In order for the items to be delivered on time to Catholic Charities we need them by Sunday, November 29th. They can also be dropped off in the office during the week, Monday—Thursday from 9—2.

Kroger and Amazon Smile programs...Would you like to help the church while you shop? Then sign up for these two wonderful programs! Using your Kroger card, go to Kroger.com and click on community rewards and designate St. Boniface. To donate to St. Boniface through Amazon, you must use their website: www.smile.amazon.com., and designate St. Boniface Church.

Paula's Pantry....As you may know Nativity is doing NTI learning and the students are not at school to take care of Paula's Pantry. We have been taking donations to help keep this stocked for the people who rely on it as a means of nutrition. Therefore, we are now collecting items at church and in the parish office to be put out throughout the week. We are looking for foods that can be eaten straight from the package and individual servings which need no preparation. Suggested items: canned fruit with a pop-top, granola bars, tuna packets, meat sticks, dried fruit, peanut butter and crackers, etc. We are running very low on supplies.



Food Collection



2020 Catholic Services Appeal...thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. Our totals are: \$9,475.00 collected so far, or 62% and 27 families have participated or 55% of our goal. Our Parish Goal is \$15,400, and our Participation Goal is 49 households. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift to this year's appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office, or online at www.archlou.org/CSA

Diocesan News

Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...during segment one of November's Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the annual observance of African American Catholic History Month and three African American Catholic heroes: Fr. Augustus Tolton, Sister Thea Bowman, and Kentucky native Daniel Rudd. In segment two, Archbishop welcomes guest Tim Tomes, Archivist, to talk about his work as the first full-time Archivist for the Archdiocese of Louisville. . In segment three, Archbishop Kurtz talks with Dr. Karen Shadle, director of the Office of Worship, about why Catholics worship communally and the meaning of the Sunday Mass obligation. Conversations airs on the Faith channel (Spectrum channels 19 and digital channel 279) on Tues. at 7 p.m., Wed. at 10 a.m., Fri. at 7 p.m., and Sat. at 4 p.m. Conversations is online at www.archlou.org/conversations.



Volunteers Needed...Sitio Clothing Ministry at Saint John Vianney Parish is in need of volunteers to sort donated items. Those who are retired, disabled, in need of service hours, and want to give back to your community are welcome to serve. There is plenty of room in the ministry's space for social distancing to sort and stay six feet apart. For further information, please contact Linda Gottbrath at 502.969.0018.



Next week's readings....

1st Reading—
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
2nd Reading—1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel Reading—John 2:13-22

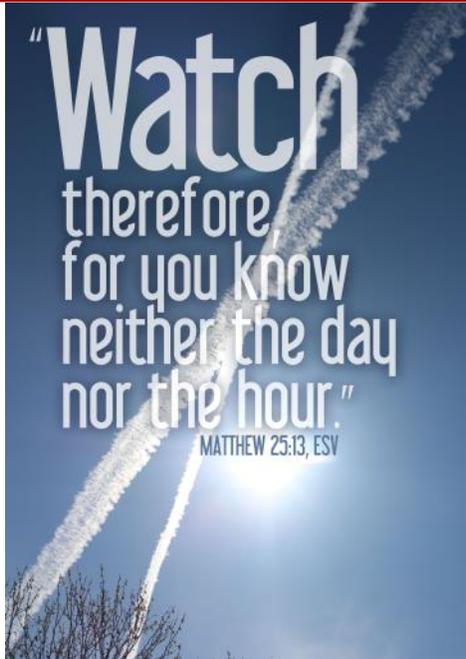
November 1st, 2020 Collection Report

\$2,800.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
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\$1.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$59,094.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$68,800.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(9,706.00)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

At the end of the liturgical year the readings focus upon the end times and the last judgment. This year, those themes begin today. We are reminded that we cannot know either the day or the hour. Therefore, we should always be prepared. Gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist today, let us consider our readiness for the Lords' coming at the end of time.



Reflection on the Gospel

The parable we read today should be a clarion call to "be prepared" for the coming of Jesus at the end times. And even if we think the end times are far, far away, my own personal end (death) may come when I least expect it. Am I prepared for that? Such a question can clarify our own priorities and behaviors. Jesus reminds us that the fools are the ones who were not prepared for the coming of the master. Let us be like the wise ones,

Today's Focus: Trembling, But Confident

The life of faith often holds us in a paradox between a fear of what is to come and assurance that in Christ all will be well. Christians must learn to live within that tension.

attentive to the coming of the Lord, for we know not when that day might be.

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

Consider/Discuss

Christian faith is full of paradox. As we prepare for "the end," how do we keep a healthy balance between holy fear and graced confidence? Toward which side do you tend to lean?