



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

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

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

November 22nd ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (*Fr. Fichteman*)

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish 11:00 am ~ Ann and Joyce Trott +

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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.



"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the

one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money."

We are all familiar with the fight or flight response. Triggered by fear and from an evolutionary perspective, it helps us to survive. We get amped up for the battle or we get ready to run. Every athlete will recognize that response, at least early on, at the prospect of the game winning shot. Every parent will recognize it when danger, physical or psychological, threatens their child. Some people seek this hyper sensitive state and the dopamine produced in the brain through roller coasters, extreme sports, horror movies, or haunted houses. Fear leads us to an excited state, but another response is also possible. Sometimes, fear triggers a freeze response. We become so overwhelmed by fear that we can neither fight nor run. We're stuck, as it were, in place, unable to muster the ability to act.

Trepidation, nervousness, anxiety, dread, desperation, panic, horror, and terror are all derivative of fear. They represent a spectrum of the intensity of fear in our lives. Each carries with it the possible response of fight, flight, or freeze. While many of us may have fears or phobias related to specific things like spiders, needles, or heights, most of us have some deeper anxieties around particularly human concerns. We are afraid of being left out, excluded, rejected, or shamed. We are afraid of being trapped, unable to exercise our own autonomy because of illness, economic factors, political realities,

or, even, our responsibilities in marriage or parenting (or pastoring). We are afraid of death, the future, or anything unknown (like when is this pandemic going to be over). Each of these deep human fears may lead us to mobilize for action, avoid the conflict, or simply freeze. As an escape from fear, we may turn to addictive behaviors or substances.

The man in today's gospel who received one talent according to his abilities was afraid and he froze. He didn't run away with the talent to another town to begin a new life (a talent could have been worth as much as 20 years worth of income to the servant). He also didn't seek to increase the value of the talent (like the other two, or by putting it in the bank). Instead, he froze and buried the talent. He was overwhelmed by the responsibility and didn't act. I have been there. At the first three Boy Scout meetings I attended when I was 12, I stood behind a pole in the church basement to observe, not talking to anyone. When assigned to ministry training on a college campus and needing to counsel a student on a difficult topic for his own good, I simply steered clear of the issue. I have occasionally buried my talent in fear.

Yet, the invitation from Jesus in the midst of fear is to trust. It is to have faith that the giver of the talent knows what he is doing. Our response to fear does not need to be fight, flight, or freeze. With God's grace, we can transcend the emotional and evolutionary response to our fears and intentionally trust God to act with purpose. So often, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid." He is with us. We can stand and act with confidence as we trust in God's love and providence for us. Jesus didn't run, fight, or freeze. He took every step intentionally on the way to the cross trusting in the will and love of the Father. He transcended his fear with trust. May we follow in his footsteps.

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 ~ Bridget Davison
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

Marriage Moments...“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” (Proverbs 31:10) Is the Bible sexist? What about those worthy husbands? One’s worth cannot be measured in money or gems. Share one comical and one serious example of each other’s worth.

Parenting Pointers... When 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..

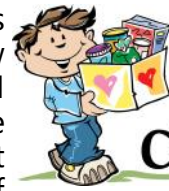
Christmas Help Needed:

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 NTL learning and the students are not at school to take care of



Food Collection

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, jars of peanut butter and jelly to make sandwiches, etc. Checks to buy supplies would also be appreciated.



2020 Catholic Services Appeal...thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. Our totals are: \$12,125.00 collected so far, or 79% and 31 families have participated or 63% 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.



November 1st, 2020 Collection Report

\$2,800.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$4,330.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$1,530.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$63,424.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$71,600.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(8,176.00)	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

How are we using what has been entrusted to us? Today Jesus tells the parable of the talents. Two of the servants use them to make more; the third buries his in the ground. Are we using our talents as well as we could? As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us consider how we use our God-given talents and how we could use them more beneficially.

I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.

Matthew 25:35, NRSV



Reflection on the Gospel

Today's parable can move us to action, investing ourselves more fully in the Christian life. And for the Gospel of Matthew that means service of others, especially the less fortunate. Though there can be freeloaders, contributing little to no effort of their own, the parable today reminds us that there will come a time when God will take stock of each person's efforts. May this gospel motivate us to continue serving without counting the cost, investing fully of ourselves and our talents.

Today's Focus: Transformed by Glory

The Glory of Jesus Christ our king isn't something we merely sit back and admire. It envelops us, and its majesty transforms us, until we become Christ-like through its presence and power.

When there is an accounting, we want to hear the words, "Come, share your master's joy."

'...he said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters I will give you great responsibilities.'"
Matthew 25:20-21

Consider/Discuss

As we ponder the sovereignty of Christ, it is an act of our will to obey and follow, to serve as he serves, to love as he loves, and to give as he gives. What one grace can I ask for today to solidify my will to serve my King ?