



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

November 20th, 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
502.584.4279

www.stbonifaceparish.com

November 20th ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ Dorothy, Bobby and Jerry Camfield + 11:00 am ~ Bettianne and Bob Davies +

November 24th ~ Thanksgiving (*Fr. Jeff*)

10:00 am ~ People of the Parish

November 27th ~ First Sunday of Advent (*Fr. Quan*)

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish 11:00 am ~ Dorothy, Jerry and Bobby Camfield +

Pastor~

Fr. Jeff Shooner ~

jshooner@stpatlou.org

Associate Pastor ~

Fr. Quan Nguyen ~

qnguyen@stpatlou.org

Deacon ~ David Tomes ~

davidtomes@aol.com

Business Manager ~ Gale Gowen

ggowen@stpatlou.org

Organist and Director of Music ~

Ryan McEldowney ~

ryanmceldowney@gmail.com

Office Manager ~ Patty Loerch ~

patty@stbonifaceparish.com

Welcome to the Parish!

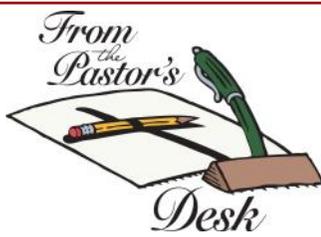
Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish family by registering as either a member or associate member. Cards are available at the doors of the church.

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.



"The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, 'He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.' Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer

him wine they called out, 'If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription that read, 'This is the King of the Jews.' Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.'"

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. That's a mouthful, but it has been traditionally known as the feast of Christ the King. In either case, it is triumphalistic. The end of the liturgical year focuses on the end of the story, the ultimate end. The culmination of time brings the second coming of Jesus, a new heaven and a new earth, and all things made right. In the final tally, the victory belongs to Jesus. At the end of the age (an age, as I mentioned last week, which has already begun, but is not yet finished), God triumphs. It is good news, filled with hope, that gives us strength in the midst of suffering, resilience in the face of challenges, endurance for the long haul, and purpose when things just fall apart. On that final day, I can almost imagine *The Heavenly Herald* (or whatever heaven's newspaper is called) running a single word headline, "VICTORY!"

It can seem odd that with such a focus for this solemnity the Gospel reading for today has Jesus being taunted by rulers, soldiers, and a criminal as he hangs defeated upon the cross. Above him is posted the sign saying, "This is the King of the Jews." In view of the world, it is a moment of utter weakness and abject failure. In the eyes of his taunters, his weakness is proof that Jesus is not the chosen one, the Christ, or the king. His death at the hands of

others demonstrates to them how powerless Jesus truly is. What they do not see and we sometimes have a hard time grasping is that Jesus's death is the moment of victory. The all powerful God entered our history, became one of us, and gave his life as an act of love to free us from the power of sin and death. Love conquered death. We are not waiting for a new headline, the victory has already been won. It is why Catholics hang crucifixes in all of our churches. The sign of Jesus's defeat at the hands of the world is our sign of his victory.

The nuance here can be missed, but it has enormous ramifications. The God, who could by power and violence enforce his will and kingdom, chose instead the path of love and freedom. God proposes, not imposes. He invites, not demands. A victory and kingdom built on love is different than one built on force. We are not subjugated to a rule. We are invited into a relationship. God's kingdom is created from his total gift of himself (death on a cross) for us and our free response to that gift. Our salvation is based upon our freedom to choose or reject the path of love. It is, literally, in our hands. We are free to choose the path of selfishness and hold on to all that is ours, or to choose the path of love, and let go of our claims to what is mine and generously give ourselves in love for the good of God and others. It is a paradox and counterintuitive when viewed from the values of this world. Lose your life to gain it. Give to receive. God gives us the choice. The way of violence and power or the way of freedom and love. The kingdom and power of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the kingdom and power of love. The victory has been won. Not by force, but by sacrifice. Love has conquered sin and death by embracing the cross. Jesus is the king of love. Do you accept?

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Marty Bedoian
Annie Givens
Carlotta Ingram
Louis Manion
Jim McGrath
Twilight Mayes
Bruce Radaker



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: Bob Springer, Charles Gazaway
Lector: Bridget Davison
Gift Bearers: Ian and Bonnie Davison
Eucharist Minister:

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Nick Perri, Charles Gazaway
Lector: John Poole
Gift Bearers: Sally Lenihan, Pat Robison
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Perri

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

Congratulations!....to Ryan and Marie McEldowney on the birth of their son! Augustine Charles was born on Monday, November 14th, weighing in at 7 lbs 10 oz and 20.5 inches long.



Thanksgiving Day Mass...will be held on Thanksgiving morning, November 24th at 10 am.

Parenting Pointers... November is Adoption month. Have you ever considered adopting or becoming a foster parent? This may not be your call but you might still mentor a child who needs a little more attention. Remember, Jesus was a foster child.

Marriage Moments...During this week of Thanksgiving, take a moment to share with each other one thing that makes you thankful for your beloved and your marriage.



Catholic Charities Presents with a Purpose...We have been asked to help out again this year. They have asked us to focus on TEEN Items and GIFT CARDS. Lists are available at the doors. Last day to drop off at church is Sunday, December 4th. We will deliver to them for distribution that week.

2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection...TODAY our parish will take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people (over 11% of the population) in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. In addition, 35% of the donations stay here in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund anti-poverty programs throughout our 24 counties. Learn more about the Campaign at www.usccb.org/cchd



Angel Tree for Nativity...Thank your for your generous participation in our Annual Angel Tree. All Angels are from students families at Nativity Academy. Suggested

gifts are written on each angel. Please attach the angel as a gift tag on your wrapped gift and return it to church on Sunday, December 11th. 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 4th, giving our shoppers time to shop. The suggested amount for angels for the children is \$60. The angels will be set up for next weekend.

Two ways to support the church this Holiday Season... **AmazonSmile** is



a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones under settings. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives. One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. **Here's how it works:**



1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

1. Sign in to your digital account.

2. Search for your organization.

3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support. (SK711)

4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd Reading—Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading— Matthew 24:37-44



November 13th, 2022 Collection Report

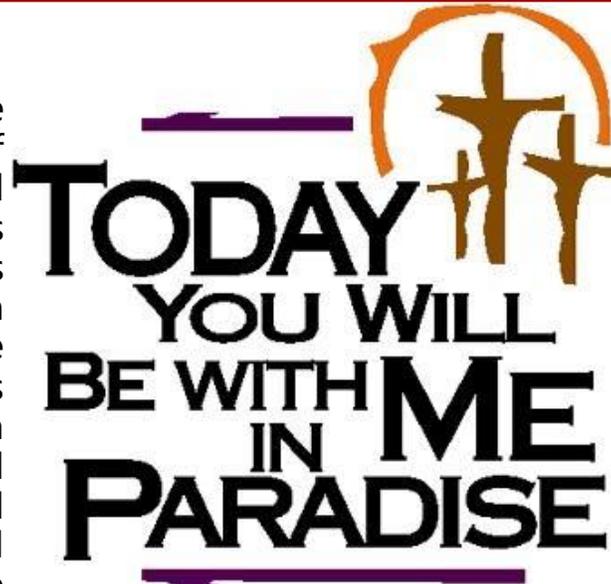
\$ 4,446	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 4,500	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (54)	Budget Over (Under)
\$ 70,212	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$ 67,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ 3,212	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we acknowledge that while leaders of nations in this world come and go, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is ruler over all people both now and forever. The idea to celebrate this feast was born out of a growing nationalism and secularism one hundred years ago. The world had just lived through the horrors of four years of war unprecedented in its spread over the whole world. This led to Pope Pius XI instituting this feast in 1925. Today we recognize Christ's preeminence and pray for the day when peace and goodwill forever overcome war and aggression.

Today's Focus: Jesus Saves. How Do We Respond?

As the church's year of grace comes to a close, we look to our King on a cross, crucified, sneered at, yet still extending heaven's mercy to all who will receive it.



Reflection on the Gospel

In the gospel on this final Sunday of the liturgical year, one of the crucified criminals rebukes the other for his cynical taunting of Jesus and dares to ask Jesus for a late invitation into the kingdom. This criminal addresses him not by the inscription hanging above him, but simply and familiarly as "Jesus". And then a faint, future hope becomes a "today" event of salvation for him, the man for whom the compassion of Jesus throws open the door of the kingdom and allows him to steal Paradise.

"And he was saying, 'Jesus, remember me when you come in your Kingdom!'"
Luke 23:42

Question of the Week

Who can I forgive this week, imitating the Lords' mercy, sowing the seeds of the kingdom, and bringing a sort of paradise to someone else's heart?