



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

November 21st, 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 21st~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe *(Fr. Quan)*

8:30 am ~ Richard Doran+ 11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/Bettianne and Bob Davies +

November 25th ~ Thanksgiving *(Fr. Quan)* 11 am ~ Ann and Joyce Trott

November 28th~ First Sunday of Advent *(Fr. Tony)*

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish/Richard and Patricia LaHood 11:00 am ~ Michael 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.



"Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"

What was Pilate thinking? It's pure speculation, but I wonder. Surely he heard reports about Jesus's

triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Throngs of people cheered a rather odd sight, a man in a simple robe riding a donkey. Jesus didn't have an army. No doubt, Pilate knew that before Jesus told him that his kingdom was not of this world. Did Pilate consider Jesus a threat to the Roman Empire? Probably not. By some estimates, the Roman army, in total, had more members than the population of Israel. Maybe Jesus was a trouble maker, a leader of a rebellion among the pesky Jews, or an inconvenience to be dealt with. Would this man disrupt the peace and cause him embarrassment with his superiors? Perhaps it was some plot by the Scribes, Pharisees, and chief priests to embroil Pilate in a dispute among factions. He may have been suspicious of their motives and had a sinking feeling that his power was being co-opted by the religious authorities. It was a tense arrangement at best. Perhaps, Pilate was curious about the man. Who was this Jesus? Why was he so popular? Was there something more? Was he authentic or deluded? Did he really think he was the King of the Jews as he was accused of claiming?

"So Pilate said to him, 'Then you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'"

It is almost as if the modern culture is speaking in Pilate's next line (not in this week's reading), "What is truth?" Maybe it's in your heart or mind, too. Is there such a thing as truth, or is it all relative? Can we define

what is true based upon social construction or personal meaning? Is science true or is it influenced by politics and ideologies? What about human beings who lie and falsify data? And what about epistemology? Can we even trust our senses and our apprehension of reality? Can we know anything? Most of us don't live in this world of spiraling uncertainty, but it influences us. It seeps in through the cracks and destabilizes our foundations. We may feel adrift, doubtful, or anxious. What is truth, indeed? My cousin Nick, who tragically struggled with mental illness and took his own life, passionately pursued the truth. He had completed his Master's Degree in Philosophy and sought not comfort or meaning, but truth at all costs. His illness cut short his pursuit, but I admired his single-minded desire to know. I do believe that, in God's mercy, Nick's desire was fulfilled by meeting the truth in person, Jesus the Christ. For Nick, there had to be something real, something true.

In my own life, I experienced a sense of wonder and awe at the Buddhist and Shinto religions as a cultural exchange student in Japan while in high school. That deeply influenced my own ideas and beliefs, although an encounter with God's love in the midst of my senior retreat reopened the question. My first philosophy course at the Air Force Academy focused on the question of truth. After all, it's hard to potentially give your life, to die for your country and it's ideals, if everything is relative, if nothing is true. It may be obvious, but, like my cousin, I came to a foundational conviction that truth exists. I was willing to die for my country and, later, I was willing to promise celibacy, obedience, and simplicity of life at my ordination to the priesthood. I believe that Jesus not only testifies to the truth, but is himself the truth in person. We can know the truth, encounter the truth, and love the truth. Now, what are you thinking?
Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

- Precious Adams
- Margaret Barton
- Marty Bedoian
- Bob Camfield
- Betty Chambers + Don Hess
- Louis Manion
- Twilight Mayes
- Jim McGrath
- 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: Charles Gazaway

Lector: Bridget Davison

Gift Bearers: Ian and Bonnie Davison

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway or Nick Perri

Lector: John Poole

Gift Bearers: Carlotta Ingram, Twilight Mayes

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



Parish News

Presents with a Purpose....We have been asked by Catholic Charities of Louisville to participate in their program again this year. All items need to be dropped off at church or the office by Sunday, December 5th. All gifts should be new and left unwrapped. Families will then shop from the selection. This is the list we were given for this year: *Board games, superhero toys, stuffed animals/pillows, sports sandals, refillable water bottles, young adult books, LED string lights, hygiene gift sets, bikes, volleyballs, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, bath bombs and body washes, gift cards for Target, Walmart, Kroger in \$25 increments, and coats (especially larger sizes for both kids and adults).*

Angel Tree for Nativity...

Thank you 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 11th. The suggested amount for angels for the children is \$60.



Thanksgiving Day Mass...will be held on Thanksgiving morning, November 25th at 11 am.

Marriage Moments...Thanksgiving is coming up this week in the USA. You've probably already told your beloved many qualities that you appreciate about him or her. Can you think of a new one? Or perhaps just thank them for something simple he or she did yesterday.

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.***

Parenting Pointers... "My kingdom does not belong to this world". (John 18:36) But what if you were King of Queen of this world? What would you like to do for your children? Ask them what they would do if they were king or queen for a day?

Diocesan News

Sitio Clothing Ministry...will hold a meeting for new volunteers on Monday, November 22nd from 10 am to noon at St. John Vianney Parish at 4231 Southside Dr. Volunteers are needed to sort clothes and fill orders and can volunteer for any amount of time they have free. Sitio is open from 10 am—2 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please contact Linda at 502.969.0018 for more information.

50 and Over Catholic Singles Group...

Are you a mature single Catholic over 50 looking for a group of friends just like you? Would you be interested in gathering together in a social setting that allows you to grow in your faith while building lasting friendships? Please consider joining the new Catholic Singles Over 50 Group today! Gatherings will be held on the first Thursdays of the month in the Multi-Purpose Building of Holy Trinity Church, 501 Cherrywood Rd. The first gathering will be a Potluck dinner on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm. No reservations required, so please join us! For more information, please contact Debbie at debralmedford14@gmail.com or Sue at suelordan@yahoo.com



Singles Social



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection...

TODAY, our parish will take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring positive and permanent change to their communities, and 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund local antipoverty projects.

Next week's readings...

1st Reading—Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd Reading—1 Thess. 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading— Luke 21:25-28,
34-36



November 14th, 2021 Collection Report

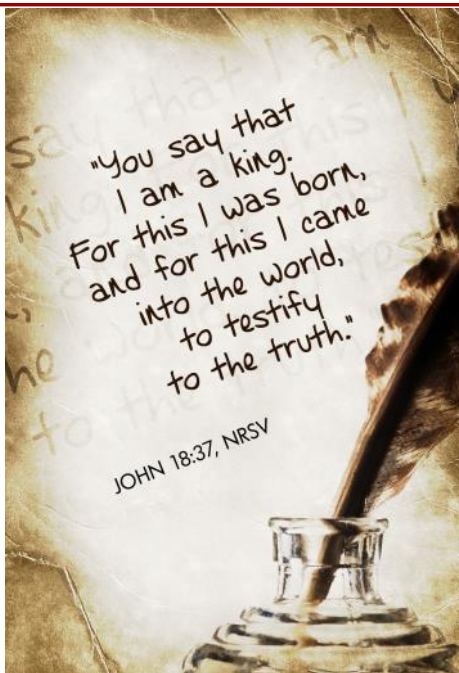
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\$3,750	Weekly Stewardship Budget
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\$65,320	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$63,500	Budget Year-to-Date
\$1,820	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we recognize Jesus' role as the Lord of all, the ruler over all humanity, the king of the eternal heavenly kingdom. To his followers, Jesus referred to this kingdom as the kingdom of God or his Father's kingdom, but through his ultimate act of self-sacrifice he became the firstborn of this kingdom, ready to show us the way. Let us pray that when our day comes, we will be found worthy and ready for the kingdom.

Today's Focus: The King

The final days of Jesus completely overturned every image of a king in his day; humiliated, crowned with thorns, enthroned on a cross, abandoned in death. But to this King, many would show their loyalty by dying themselves.



Reflection on the Gospel

Is our God cozy or cosmic? That is the large and exciting question that challenges us on this last Sunday of the liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is the celebration of the climax, not only of this year of grace but also of the end, the omega point of the mystery toward which we orient our lives. Behind Christ is the God who reveals himself in Christ, the "I AM" who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

"...Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:37

Consider/Discuss

The "unknown soldier" in this story was willing to give his life for his King. What does it mean to you to give your life for your King?