



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

November 22nd, 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 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 +

November 26th ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass *(Fr. Steven)*

11:00 am ~ Fr. Tim Hogan

November 29th ~ First Sunday of Advent *(Fr. Steven)*

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

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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.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer*

him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

After centuries of breeding, most sheep and goats aren't that hard to tell apart. Even now, though, some sheep can be various colors, have horns, and grow a short coat that sheds. Likewise, some goats can be white, have no horns, and grow coats that are full and fluffy and need to be sheared. They are useful animals. Both can be grown for food, provide milk to drink or for cheese, be sheared for fibers (wool from sheep and cashmere and mohair from goats), and clear unwanted vegetation (technically, sheep are grazers, preferring low growing grasses and other plants, and goats are browsers, preferring plants that are higher off the ground or, as I understand it, car bumpers, fence posts, tin cans, or whatever they can get their teeth on). They both carry on in herds, although sheep have a greater herd instinct and can get quite distressed at being separated from the flock, while goats are much more independent and adventurous. At first glance, without some knowledge, it could be possible to mistake sheep and goats based solely on their looks.

They are the same, but different and the king in today's gospel separates them on his right and his left. For the purposes of the parable, their similarity could cause the king, or anyone else, to mistake the sheep and the goats. By outward appearances, they are not that different. Maybe, both groups have good jobs, respectable homes, solid families, adequate education, fun vacations, and reliable transportation. When there's not a pandemic, maybe they also go to church weekly, with some regularity, or at least occasionally. They may pray before meals, abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, light the candles of their home Advent wreath each week, and hang a crucifix in their bedrooms. It's possible that they give to worthy causes, study about their faith, go to confession once or twice a year, and enjoy camaraderie with other families, friends, and church groups. A few of them may have even been ordained. The two groups are pretty hard to tell apart by looking at them.

The difference in today's parable between the sheep and the goats boils down to one thing: what they did and didn't do for the king, hidden within and united to those most in need. Specifically, it's the hungry, thirsty, far from home, naked, sick, and imprisoned—the least of these. Do the sheep and goats live within a limited horizon based on themselves or within a wider horizon based on the needs of others? In fact, in serving those in need, it almost seems like the righteous sheep have forgotten about themselves altogether. They live for others naturally. The Church calls this a *preferential option for the poor*. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, calls us to love our neighbor. If we desire to serve our king, we now know where to find him. He is found in the face of the poor.

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Vickie Bays
Margaret Barton
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Don Hess
Family of Debra
Hornback
Twilight Mayes
Scott McCoy
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 ~ Doug Korfhage
11:00 am ~ Susan Foley

*If you would like to sign up to be a Lector,
please call or text Judy Perri at
502.599.5211.*



Parish News

Marriage Moments... Today is the Feast of Christ the King. What does it mean to be a King (or Queen?) According to the Gospel it means to feed the hungry and thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the ill and imprisoned. Discuss with your beloved how you can do one of these this week, Yes, feed your kids, plus what else?

Parenting Pointers... Tired of monitoring online schooling for your kids? Schedule a play break over Thanksgiving that doesn't involve screens. Try a family board game or take a walk in the woods together. Learn from each other and nature.

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. Gifts can be dropped off in the church office Monday-Thursday from 9 am—2 pm. Call the office if you cannot attend Mass and would like an angel.

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: \$13,175.00 collected so far, or 86% and 36 families have participated or 73% 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

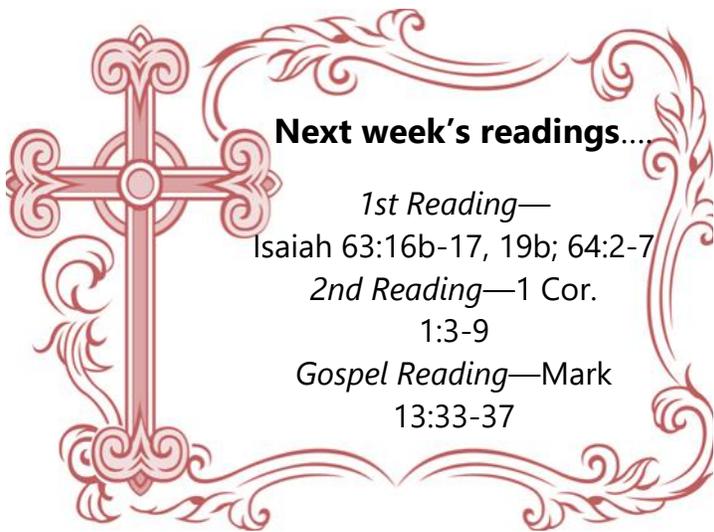
Diocesan News

2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection... is TODAY. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.



Central Louisville Community

Ministries... provides a turkey distribution to our neighbors in need each year before Thanksgiving. This year they are promoting BOGO—Buy One, Give One. As you shop for your own Thanksgiving meal, if you are able to purchase a second turkey to donate, we ask that you do! Bring your turkey donation to CLCM's food pantry at Calvary Episcopal Church, 821 S 4th St, on Monday, 11/23 between 9:30 and 11:30 am. If you need more info call 502.587.6011.



Next week's readings...

1st Reading—
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

*2nd Reading—*1 Cor.
1:3-9

*Gospel Reading—*Mark
13:33-37

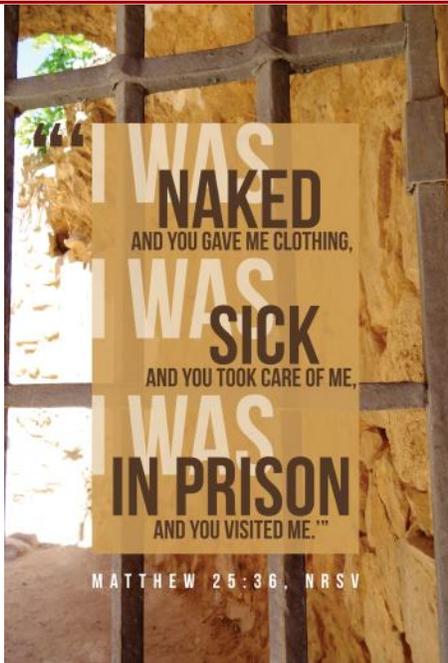
November 15th, 2020 Collection Report

\$2,800.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$2,190.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$(610.00)	Budget Over (Under)
\$65,614.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$74,400.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(8,786.00)	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

Once again we begin the season of Advent, this time of preparation for Christ's coming into the world on Christmas morning. But this is not the only arrival of Christ for which we can prepare. He comes into our hearts at any time in any way. He comes to us in the Eucharist. We hope to be welcomed into his arms when we leave this world. Finally, he will come again at the end of time. As we gather in his name today, let us contemplate how we can prepare to receive Christ even when we least expect him.



Reflection on the Gospel

It is a bold thing to identify with Christ. Self-sacrifice, love of the other, and service are central to the identity of a Christian. How mortally dangerous it is, then, to call oneself Christian, to claim the role of disciple, without performing the required actions. It would be better not to claim the title at all. The will of God is caring for the poor and for the stranger. These are not merely kind acts, but the basis of salvation, for Christian and non-Christian alike. Let us

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.

keep before us the awesome call and responsibility to express our faith in action, not merely words.

"...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:34-36

Consider/Discuss

Teresa of Avila called her beloved in prayer "Your Majesty." Try using that invocation as you enter into a moment of silence and contemplate the grandeur of God. Have you seen God's glory? Tasted it? Heard it? Felt it? Share the story of that glory with a fellow traveler on the pilgrim road.