



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

March 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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March 15th ~ Third Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Steven*)

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish

11:00 am ~ Bettianne & Bob Davies +

March 22nd ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Fr. Steven*)

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish

11:00 am ~ Ann 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.



"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

Some interpretations of this passage (beginning in the 17th century) saw it as a rejection of ritual worship. It meant for them, and has come to mean for others, that the form that congregational worship takes is unimportant because it is really about the interior disposition of the worshiper, not about the particular actions. Clearly, Jesus is disconnecting worship from the physical location of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem (or, for that matter, the Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim). Jews would have prayed anywhere: at the city gates, in their homes, or in the synagogue. Worship, however, was tied to the ritual sacrifices at the temple. Worship was always about sacrifice or offering, about atonement for sin or thanksgiving for blessings. In this interpretation, those things are unimportant, but sound doctrine and emotional conviction become the hallmarks of "real" worship. Distilled through the centuries, we see this today as a Sunday service with 30-45 minutes of singing (to capture the emotional conviction) and 30-45 minutes of preaching (to present sound doctrine). Other ritual is understood to be dead or legalistic and traps the participants in a merely outward system of empty religion.

We have something to learn from this, but I'll get to that in a minute. Notice, first, that there is a Trinitarian dimension to worship: worship is of the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the truth (Jesus, according to the same gospel writer, is the Truth in person). This worship originates from God, not from the worshiper. It is God's work and, then, the people's work. Worship is no longer tied to a geographic location, for God is at work everywhere. There remains a connection, however, to sacrifice and offering. The New Testament is riddled with references to the history and tradition of sacrificial offerings. What the sacrifice of bulls, goats, lambs, or doves prefigured over and over again was the one sacrifice of Jesus, himself, on the cross. Jesus, himself, taking from the Jewish tradition, instituted a new ritual at the last supper, the offering of bread and wine, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, which made present his one sacrifice on the cross. His flesh is real food and his blood is real drink, made present in the Lord's Supper. Our offering at mass is to the Father, of the one sacrifice of Jesus, as the work of the Holy Spirit. Our ritual always has this Trinitarian dimension.

Our ritual can also become empty and lifeless. It's not that sound doctrine and emotional conviction are unimportant. On the contrary, we always proclaim the scriptures from the Table of the Word (again, there is an element here of Jesus, the Word made flesh), as we always make our offering from the Table of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving"). But that, too, can seem empty. Not on God's part, as his work, but on ours. God always does his part. The question of emotional conviction, however, is an important one. It is actually much deeper than simple emotionalism or trying to create a particular emotional response within us. Although emotions are not all of who we are, they are a significant part. That is all of our emotions, not just the good feels. When the bread and wine are offered at mass, each of us is called to also offer our very selves: all that we are, whatever we're going through, however we feel. Valid worship doesn't depend on how we feel about it (God is at work), but it's effectiveness in our lives does depend on whether or not we are fully, consciously, and actively engaged. We can let our experience of ritual worship be dead and lifeless if we just go through the motions or, by being fully engaged, by offering our whole selves, we can let God's work transform us in Spirit and truth. The Father seeks such people to worship him.

Fr. Jeff

Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert, Fred Williams, Doug

Korfhage

Hospitality Ministers: Kim McCoy, Carol Cook

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Nick Perri

Lector: Robert Springer

Gift Bearers: Jim and Diana Duggins

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta

Ingram, Judi Perri

Hospitality Ministers: Judy Perri, Chris Hellman, Cass Solomon

If you are interesting in serving please contact Charles Gazaway at 502.553.0317 or cgazaway@outlook.com



Ministry Team

Prayer Requests

Precious Adams

Marty Bedoian

Jeremy Bingham

Lisa Brents

Bob Camfield

Steve Chambers

The Family of Leo Droppelman

Piper Kastan

Scott McCoy

Al Pepper

Clare Radaker

Cathe Rodes

Gloria Sanchez

Marty Severance

Gene and Joyce Trott

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

Parish News

2020 Nativity Auction...will be held on Friday, March 20th at the Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center. Here are some of the ways you can help make this event a success!

- Join us for an evening celebrating with friends
- Purchase a \$50 raffle ticket for a chance at 10k
- Make a cash donation, or donate Gift cards, or raffle ticket scratch offs for our Silent Auction.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after both masses on March 1st. You can also go online and purchase admission tickets, raffle tickets, or take a chance on our wheel items. Visit <https://nativitylouisville.org/nativity-auction/> or contact Jerri Johnson at 502.855.3315 or jjohnson@nativityacademy.org for more information.

Marriage Moments..."In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." (Ex 17-3) Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Give me a drink" (John 4:7) water is a universal human need. Each time you drink together this week, may it remind you to refresh your love.

Parenting Pointers... March 21 is Single Parent Day. If you are a single parent we honor you for the effort you must make to provide continuous care for your child, often without the help of a ready partner. If you are blessed to have a helpmate, make plans to reach out to a parent who needs a helping hand next weekend.

2020 Catholic Relief Services Collection...Next weekend, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

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.



Diocesan News

Volunteer Opportunities...The Family Community Clinic, located at 1420 E. Washington St. is looking for volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, administration support specialists, interpreters and other health professional in the community. The Mission of the Family Community Clinic is to improve the health of the medically uninsured in the Louisville Metro and surrounding areas by providing high quality free healthcare services and wellness education to those who lack appropriate alternatives. To learn more visit famcomclinic.org or call Maria at 502.510.2821.



Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...On March's Conversations, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss recent developments in the Archdiocese and the youth and young adult planning process that builds upon the themes of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Christ is Alive!* Archbishop also welcomes guests Jackie Mudd, Parish Council Chair of Holy Family Parish, and Fred Schuhmann, Parish Council Chair at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Campbellsville, KY to talk about the Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese. Conversations is online at www.archlou.org/conversations.

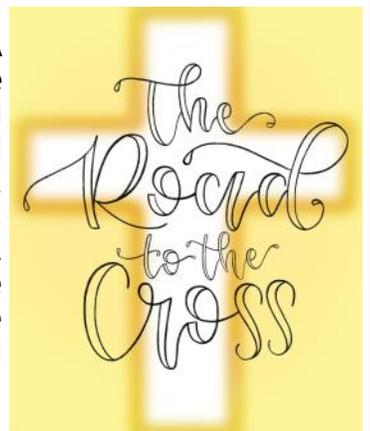


Widows & Widowers Group

WOW Widows or Widowers Organization...will meet on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 pm at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in the School Cafeteria.

On With Life...Catholic support group for the widowed, will meet on March 17th at 7:30 pm at Mary Queen of Peace.

Lenten Mission "A Journey to Joy"...will be held Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th at 7 pm each night. Bringing Scripture to Life, with Drama and Humor. This event is for the whole family. For more information please call 502.368.4887.



Next week's readings....

1st Reading—1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading—Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading—John 9:1-41



March 8th, 2020 Collection Report

\$2,900.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$4,149.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$1,249.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$152,610.61	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$148,300.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$4,310.61	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

During this holy season, we examine and reflect upon our lives and call on God for aid. There are times in our lives—and this may be one of them—when we feel alone, abandoned. We may ask, as the Chosen People did when thirsting in the desert, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" As we grow weary crossing the deserts in our life, let us remember Jesus' words: "I am with you always."

Today's Focus:

The Tender Voice of Jesus

In today's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus speaks to her directly about her life, but also offers her refreshment for days to come.

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman



Reflection on the Gospel

Each of us came to faith through someone else. The woman at the well share her experience with the townspeople. Many believed upon hearing, and many more heard for themselves and believed. Even the process of believing or, rather, coming to faith is gradual. Terms like "prophet" give way to "Christ" and ultimately (in this story) to "Savior." Jesus cannot be encapsulated by one title or in one encounter. The initial experience leaves the woman and the townspeople wanting more. Such is the life of faith. We do not have a once-and-for-all encounter. But a relationship with Jesus unfolds over time, ever deepening, ever revealing, until we ultimately encounter the cross and the exaltation.

"The Lord answered Moses... 'I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it, for the people to drink.'"
Exodus 17:5-6

Consider/Discuss

What is our role in fulfilling Jesus' mission to the thirsty world in which we live?