



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

October 11th, 2020

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am only
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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October 11th ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Lawrence Goodwin)*

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ Richard Stauble +

October 18th ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Jeff)*

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ 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.

***"Brothers and sisters:
I know how to live in humble circumstances;
I know also how to live with abundance.
In every circumstance and in all things
I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry, of living in abundance
and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.
My God will fully supply whatever you need,
in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father, glory forever and ever.
Amen."***

After my parents' divorce, mom moved us back to Louisville and got a job as a teller at a local savings and loan. We lived in a two bedroom apartment in Shively until my grandfather co-signed on a mortgage and we moved into a 950 square foot three bedroom house in PRP. We hung a sheet in the hallway so that the small window unit air conditioner in my moms bedroom could keep both of our rooms somewhat cool in the summer. We didn't have cable for years, the washing machine would overflow regularly (causing an all hands on deck cleanup), and we received the gift of a microwave when I was a junior in high school (remarkably, it's the same microwave my mom still uses 32 years later). I never lacked, or knew I lacked, for anything. In my mom's love, I felt secure. In the generosity of families from St. Polycarp, I was able to go to school there from 4th through 8th grade and had another family watch me after school each day. Because of a partial academic scholarship, my mom could (barely) afford to send me to Holy Cross High School. The volunteers at Boy Scout Troop 148 gave me a place to grow, develop good friendships, and encounter adults who were both role models and mentors. Amazing teachers invested in me and my talents, drawing out my potential.

It took a few years, but I began to recognize and appreciate the sacrifice of so many on my behalf. There were thousands of acts of kindness, generosity, and love that provided opportunities I would have otherwise never had. I am who I am and am where I am because of

the goodness of others. They were good stewards, supporting the work of church, school, and scouts from their financial resources, their own talents and abilities, and their significant dedication of time. They were generous. From their own limitations, they gave sacrificially in every way. From their blessings, they blessed me. I am profoundly grateful. The world, or at least my world, is better because of them. They made a concrete difference in my life. God's providence worked through them and, way before I was aware of it, their generosity planted the seeds of my own relationship with God and my vocation as a priest. They demonstrated in tangible ways that we are not simply blessed for ourselves. God blesses us so that we may be a blessing for others. Looking back at my life gives me gratitude and gratitude is the beginning of generosity.

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal asks for free will financial offerings to support the wider ministry, beyond our parish family, of the Archdiocese of Louisville. I encourage you to take this opportunity to make a concrete difference in the lives of others. Freely you have received, so freely give. Begin with gratitude. Look back and see where others have made a difference in your own life. Then ask God, "What do you want to do through me to support this year's CSA?" Your generosity will change lives, create opportunities, and have a tangible impact. We are blessed in order to be a blessing and we can do all things in Christ who strengthens us. I am already grateful for your response! God bless you!

Fr Jeff



Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Vickie Bays
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Don Hess
Twilight Mayes
Scott McCoy
Carol Nord
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.*

Parish News

8:30 am Mass is returning!!!...We plan on starting up the 8:30 am mass on Sunday, November 1st. In order to do this we will need volunteers to stay after the early mass to sanitize the church before the 11 am mass. Please call the church to sign up. Training will take place right after the 8:30 am mass on Sunday, November 1st.



Calling all Coats! Calling all Coats!

It is that time of year again. CLCM is collecting gently used coats and jackets for its third annual coat giveaway. Please place your donations in the designated basket for CLCM, located in the vestibule. All sizes will be accepted. The give away will take place on Tuesday, October 27th from 9:30—11:30 am at Central Louisville Community Ministries, located at the First Unitarian Church, 809 S. 4th St. Please share this information with anyone you know who would benefit from this opportunity. Thank you in advance for helping our neighbors stay warm!

2020 Catholic Services Appeal...*Bringing Christ to Others*...Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal helps support the young people in our community by helping fund the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults which provides minister formation, retreats, mentorship training, programming and resources. For more on the work of the Archdiocese of Louisville or to make a gift online, visit www.archlou.org/CSA. Our Parish Goal is \$15,400, and our Participation Goal is 49 households.

Marriage Moments...At the risk of overgeneralizing, women often want to go beyond logic and knowledge in relationships. Five things that wives want from their husbands are: to feel loved, understood, emotionally secure, that we are listening to them, and to feel beautiful. (Shaunti Feldhahn) Next week, what men want.

Parenting Pointers... Domestic Violence is all about undue use of power. Often it involves a man abusing a woman but it could also include a parent abusing a child. Talk to your child about the right use of power. Do they ever feel bullied?

Paula's Pantry...As you may know Nativity is doing NTI learning and the students are not at school to take care of 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, etc.

Diocesan News

On with Life...has decided to disband. If you are looking for a Grief group, several church in Louisville are using a structured program called GriefShare. For locations visit www.griefshare.org

2020 Catholic World Missions Collection...Next weekend, our

parish will take up donations for the Mission Collection, which supports the Catholic Home Missions and international missionary agencies, such as the Propagation of the Faith. Your donations help the Church's missionary work, providing monetary assistance for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in the United States, Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Donations fund the education and support of seminarians, religious novices, and lay catechists; the work of religious communities in educations, health care, and social services; communication and transportation needs; disaster and emergency relief when necessary; and the Church's ministry to children.



Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...

During segment one of October's *Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz*, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz present the annual Catholic Services Appeal video and talk about the importance of this annual appeal and in segment three, they discuss Respect Life Month, observed during October. In segment two of *Conversations*, Archbishop Kurtz welcomes guest Father John Paul Kern, O.P., the new campus minister at the University of Louisville, to discuss his ministry at U of L. *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.

White Mass...A special Mass for healthcare heroes, including all who work in the healthcare fields, will be held on Saturday, October 17th at 4 pm at St. Bernadette Parish, 6500 St. Bernadette Ave, Prospect, KY. This Mass, traditionally known as the White Mass



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TO THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

because of the white coats that physicians wear, gathers doctors, dentists, nurses, psychologists, respiratory and physical therapists and all who work in healthcare to ask God's blessing upon those who work in this profession. Please wear your white coat to Mass. For those unable to attend in person, St. Bernadette will live stream the mass at <https://www.stb2008.org/media>



Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Isiah 45:1, 4-6
 2nd Reading—1 Thess. 1:1-5b
 Gospel Reading—Matthew
 22:15-21

October 2nd, 2020 Collection Report

\$4,487.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$4,000.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$487.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$44,827.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$54,000.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(9,173.00)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

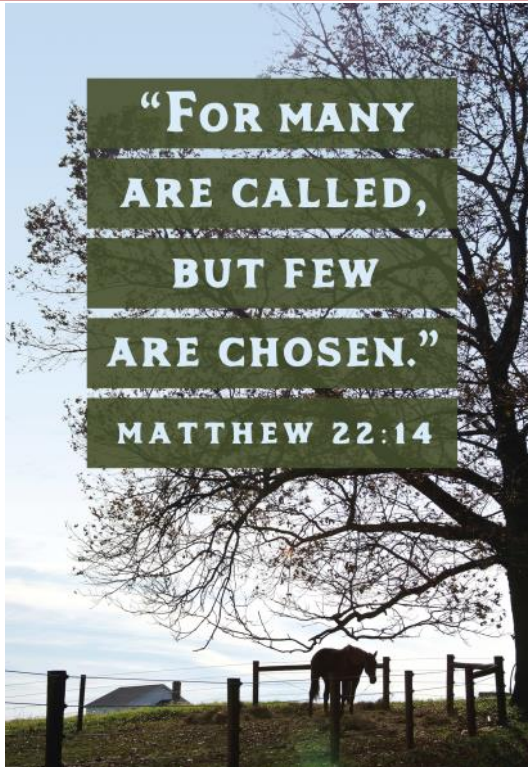
Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We are invited to a feast today. We gather around the table of the Lord, summoned by the Holy Spirit to share in this Eucharist meal with family, friends, and neighbors, fellow pilgrims on the journey. May this feast nourish and sustain us as we go forth in joy to continue building the kingdom in our little corner of the world and beyond.

Today's Focus: Opening Your Invitation

Who doesn't like to be invited to a party? The best part of the celebration God invites us to is that event if we don't feel we are worthy or ready, God's desire that we attend overwhelms our imagined shortcomings.



Reflection on the Gospel

In a gospel story filled with such violence, it might be easy to forget we are dealing with a merciful God! As indicated in several parables, Matthew's church had the wisdom and experience to have learned that there were some in the church who did not belong. There are weeds within the wheat. Sadly, our modern experience reflects this too. Simply being in the church does not make one holy, God's chosen, or a paragon of virtue. Only God has the authority to eternally expel such a person. The sobering reminder that

"many are invited but few are chosen" should cause us to pause, reflect, and reexamine our lives.

"I know how to have little; I know what it is to have plenty. In any and in all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need." Philipians 4:12

Consider/Discuss

How has the lavishness of God fed us even when we have not expected it? What is our responsibility in response to that generosity?