



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

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

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ Ann and Joyce Trott +

October 25th ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Steven)*

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ 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.



"They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And

you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?'"

Do you think the Pharisees are really interested in taxes? Sure, there are some differences of opinion going into this story. The zealots desired an overthrow of the Romans and were opposed to paying the tax. The Herodians held an allegiance to the authority of the Romans and supported paying the tax. The Pharisees were a bit pragmatic. For them, to possess a coin with an image of the emperor which claimed his divinity was to be in possession of a graven image, expressly forbidden by God's law. It is better to be alive than dead, however, so they had figured out a way to pay the tax without ever possessing or handling the coins. At this moment, though, they aren't so interested in taxes. Matthew tells us that they are trying to entrap Jesus in speech. Though they attempt to hide the treachery with flattery, Jesus is fully aware of this malice. He overcomes their attack.

It is tempting to think of Jesus's response as just clever. The first clever step was to ask them for a coin, which they shouldn't possess. He bests them when a coin is immediately produced. Then, with his second obvious question, the answer can't be avoided, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" Finally, when he says, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," Jesus sidesteps the trap and bests them again. We may admire Jesus's skill, like that of

a bullfighter deftly avoiding being impaled by horns or of a running back accelerating, leaping, pounding, or spinning to avoid a tackle. Mesmerized by Jesus's ability, we can get stuck in the exchange and draw the wrong conclusion. This isn't about taxes or even authority. It doesn't establish an independent sphere of action for the emperor and another for God, as if the emperor has absolute authority in his sphere and no accountability. Even if minimized, as in the saying, "A penny for Caesar and the rest to God," Jesus is not setting up two realms. And his answer isn't just clever, it's transcendent. It doesn't just avoid the trap. It overcomes the attack.

The deeper realization would have come to Jesus's listeners that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. That is true, but Jesus is also not just saying to give taxes to Cesar and give ourselves to God. At our Eucharist, we do make an offering of all we are to God, who gives all of himself to us. We bear the image of God and offer what belongs to God back to him. Our belonging is the belonging of love, not of possession, for in God we are home. We belong as much with God as we do to God. Even so, Jesus is still not creating two realms. There are not two separate spheres. There is not a personal realm of God and a public realm of Caesar. There is no comparison of different realities. In other words, Caesar is not the god of taxes. In the first reading from Isaiah, God states, "I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me." We cannot separate or partition a sphere where God is not God. Nobody gets a pass, not even Caesar. In all spheres, God is still God and everything belongs to him. God is the God of all. You see, the coin may have been made with Caesar's image and inscription on it, but in whose image was Caesar made?

Fr Jeff

Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Vickie Bays
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Don Hess
Twilight Mayes
Scott McCoy
Carol Nord
The Family of 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...*this past year more the 1,400 students were able to participate in talks from the Vocations Office at either their school or parish. These sessions help plant the seeds of vocations in our young people and discover what God is calling them to do in their lives. 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...What men want: In addition to physical intimacy, most husbands want respect. (A man likes his wife to have confidence in what he does.) Husbands also want affirmation—to know that his wife thinks he is the greatest. And finally he needs to know that his wife desires him intimately.

Parenting Pointers... Sometimes children try to trick their parents to get what they want. It's like when the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar?" (Mt. 22:17) Help your child see beyond the letter of the law to the underlying values of love, forgiveness, healing.

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...TODAY, 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...

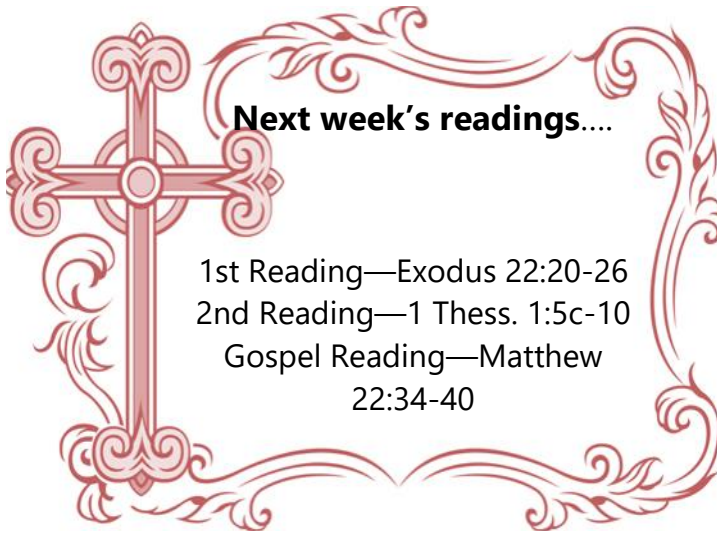
During segment one of October's *Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz*, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz present the annual Catholic Services Appeal video and talk about the importance of this annual appeal and in segment three, they discuss Respect Life Month, observed during October. 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



THANKS
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—Exodus 22:20-26
2nd Reading—1 Thess. 1:5c-10
Gospel Reading—Matthew
22:34-40

October 11th, 2020 Collection Report

\$4,000.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$3,918.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$(82.00)	Budget Over (Under)
\$48,745.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$58,000.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(9,255.00)	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

Undoubtedly we have spent much of the past week doing things others have asked us to do: work for our bosses, errands for our spouses, homework for our teachers, care for our children or parents. Hopefully we have spent part of the past week also doing the things God asks of us, though they may overlap quite a bit with the rest. Here and now, however, we dedicated this time to God. Let us reflect on all the gifts God has given us and lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving and praise.

Today's Focus: Walking on the Edge

Today, as usual, when an attempt is made to trick Jesus into answering a question that seems to have no right answers, he nimbly skips up that precarious edge to point us beyond—and above.



"GIVE... TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

Reflection on the Gospel

In the modern, rather individualistic world in which we live, there is a temptation to believe that what we have, we have earned, a result of my own hard work of that of others, such as family. But today's gospel is a reminder that all we have is from God. As such, we should have not be hoarders of God's good gifts. Even money itself should not be thought of as ours. Let us die to the notion of possessions, what is mine versus yours, and let us instead engage in a lifestyle of discipleship that shares what we have with the least among us.

'...then they handed hm a Roman coin...He said to them, 'Whose image is this, and whose inscription?' They replied, 'The Caesar's' Then give therefore to Caesar what is the Caesar's and to God what is God's'" Mathew 22:19-21

Consider/Discuss

*What are the "cliffs" in your life?
How does the Tempter try to lure you toward your spiritual demise?
When has the Holy Spirit brought you back onto the path toward the Summit?*