



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

October 4th, 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 4th ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Steven)*

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ Jo Lee Duvall +

October 11th ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Lawrence Goodwin)*

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

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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.

***“Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.”***

How can we know God?

Reason. The Church affirms the possibility of knowing the existence of a singular and personal God through our use of reason alone. Because God is our creator, all created things, everything we can see or apprehend, share in some way in the existence of their creator. The whole universe reflects certain attributes of God, especially human beings made in the image of God. That which is good, beautiful, or true in created things points to the goodness, beauty, and truth in God. These are known as transcendentals (there is a rich and diverse philosophical and theological history of thought about transcendentals, but for purposes here, I'll stick to these three) because they transcend time and place. They are universal and beyond particular culture, doctrine, or ideology. Within created things, they reflect God himself. The Catechism states, “The manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God.” Moreover, if we start within ourselves as human beings, we recognize that truth, beauty, and goodness are the great desires of our hearts fulfilled by perfect love. Love itself is true, beautiful, and good. To come to a knowledge of God through reason, however, is limited in understanding the interior life of God (aka the Trinity) and can be difficult. Influenced by our own sinfulness, culture, doctrines, and ideologies, our reason is often clouded. God's grace helps to illuminate our minds in our search for him through the transcendentals of beauty, truth, and goodness. We often need God's help to know him.

Revelation. Within our reason and beyond our reason, revelation builds upon what we can know with our minds alone. God has freely chosen to share with human beings his own life. Beyond our capacity, God seeks for

us to know and love him. Through specific acts in history (aka salvation history), God has revealed more and more of himself. In word and deed God has gradually communicated himself, culminating in his final word, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the full revelation of God, the complete communication of himself, the divine word. This revelation, intended for all people in every place, is passed on through the sacred scriptures and apostolic tradition. Two sides of the same coin, in a sense, scripture and tradition form the deposit of faith. As the work of the Holy Spirit, the revelation of God is preserved and communicated through the Church. We can know God through his revelation contained in scripture and tradition, most fully in the person of Jesus. The grace of God, given through the Holy Spirit, helps us to recognize the fullness of truth, beauty, and goodness revealed in Jesus. Faith is a gift of God, which he prepares us for, opens us to, and sustains within us. At the initiative of God, faith allows us to know him and, in knowing him, to love him. Placing ourselves in the hands of God, our creator and redeemer, is an act of trust. We surrender wholly to our God in faith. This faith opens our eyes to God's love. The hunger we all share for beauty, truth, and goodness is filled by God himself, the infinite source of beauty, truth, and goodness. Reason and faith are not opposed. They are both paths to knowing God, creator of all that is. We don't check our brains at the door of the Church. Instead, our reason illuminated by faith is freed to probe the depths of knowledge, to apprehend the fullness of truth, beauty, and goodness. Think about these things.

Fr Jeff



Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Vickie Bays
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Twilight Mayes
Scott McCoy
Carol Nord
Dean Toller



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

Parish News



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... Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal invest in the future of our Church by promoting vocations and lay ministry development. For instance, this year the Archdiocese is supporting 15-17 seminarians in their formation for the priesthood. 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... "by prayer and petition...make your requests known to God." (Phil. 4:6) Which of the following qualities is your beloved strongest in—honesty, honor, justice, loveliness, graciousness...? Be thankful and ask your spouse to pray that you also may grown in this quality.

Parenting Pointers... In the Catholic tradition, October is Respect Life Month. In addition to respecting the human lives that are too often dismissed as unworthy or inconvenient (the unborn, the poor, the imprisoned, the handicapped...) this year add respect for mother earth, who is also suffering.

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.

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

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



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.

Catholic Relief Services...

Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires have caused massive destruction and displacement. We can assist our brothers and sisters affected by disasters in 2020 through monetary donations that will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities and/or Catholic Relief Services as these official relief agencies of the Church provide emergency assistance to those in need. Funds also will be directed to pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church should they arise. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities of Louisville and include the notation: 2020 Disaster Relief. Check can be turned into the parish or sent to Catholic Charities of Louisville, 2911 S. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40208-1303.



THANKS

TO THOSE ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

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 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 25:6-10a
2nd Reading—Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Reading—Matthew 22:1-14



September 27th, 2020 Collection Report

\$4,250.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$1,820.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$(2,430.00)	Budget Over (Under)
\$40,340.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$50,000.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(9,660.00)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

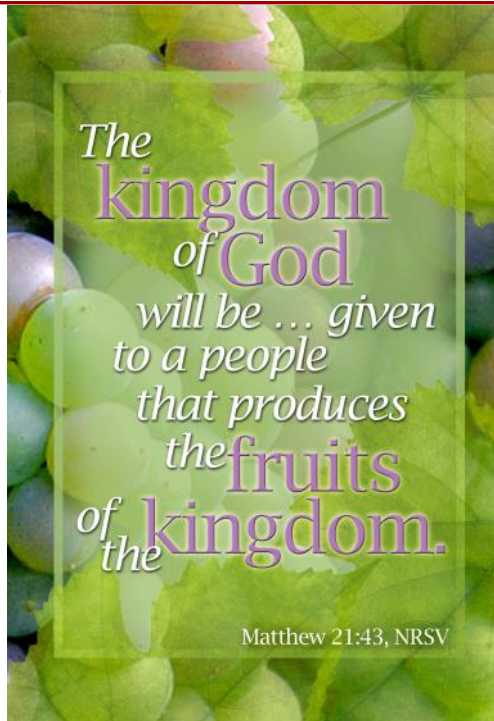
Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today's readings speak of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. God calls us to work in the vineyard, each doing our part to ensure a good harvest. We gather together each week in the Lords' name and receive Christ in the word and the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. We pray that we may be nourished in word and sacrament so that we may go forth to produce fruit for the kingdom.

Today's Focus: God, the Gardener

Even in our largely non-agrarian society, the images of planting, tending, and reaping the benefits of what we've grown is something we understand. All God wants is to reap from us, the vineyard of the Lord.



Reflection on the Gospel

Though this gospel reading was written two thousand years ago, it unfortunately has been misused throughout history as justification for Christians to persecute Jews. The church tells us that the words here echo words of the prophets and their critiques of the people of God. But when Christians definitively separated from Jews, the words were understood differently, not as an internal critique between members of a family but as a forceful condemnation of the "other". Now in the modern world, especially in light of the holocaust, we must do all we can to put away any anti-Jewish reading of the text. In so doing, we will walk in newness of life.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Consider/Discuss

We throw our whole heart into many things in life—gardens, children, relationships, parish, school, job, business, and so on. What does it feel like when something we care about yields "rotten grapes"? What role does (or doesn't) "righteous indignation" play in the Christian Life?