



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

September 13th, 2020

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am only  
Reconciliation on Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 am

531 E. Liberty St. Louisville Kentucky 40202  
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September 13th ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)

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

September 20th ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Jeff*)

11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ Mary and William McGrath + and 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 our local, state, and national leaders, that they would work to promote the common good: let us pray to the Lord." We often include an intention along these lines in the Prayers of the Faithful offered at

the end of the Liturgy of the Word during Mass. But what exactly is this "common good" that we are praying for?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, quoting Vatican II, defines the common good as "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily" (paragraph 1906). The key insight that helped me to understand what this really means was appreciating the importance of the word "common." A common good can be distinguished from an individual good: it is a good that can only be had *in common*. This means that working for the common good is not the same thing as everyone working to increase their own individual goods.

As an example, think of a basketball team. A good basketball team requires all of the players, coaches, and trainers to work together towards the common good of playing excellent basketball in order to win the game. And when it happens, when the players are in sync moving up and down the court, when everyone does their part to execute the play, when they are all aware of each other and responding to each other, there is a grace and beauty and unity to their movement that is amazing to watch. A good basketball team is a very different thing than the players making shots and running drills in their own driveways, or even from a "team" in which every player simply tried to score as many points as he could on his own. The common good of the team involves goods which transcend the individual goods of any one player, goods such as teamwork, cooperation, and sticking to the agreed-upon strategy, even to the detriment of some players' own personal statistics.

Another example of a common good, a good that can only be had in common, is a party. A good party is one where everyone, host and guests, contributes to foster a lively atmosphere, good conversation, and a shared

spirit of celebration. Again, the common good of a party is more than simply the sum total of individual goods: a bunch of individuals each sitting alone at home eating cake and sipping drinks is not a party, and increasing the size of each person's individual cake slice doesn't make this so-called "party" any better. A party is not about maximizing individual goods: it's not a competition to see who can eat the most food or dominate the conversation. The common good of a party requires give and take, courtesy, leaving some punch for the person behind you, and refraining from loudly telling everyone all about your new case of foot fungus.

As I hope these examples make clear, a common good can only be achieved if everyone cooperates in working towards it. While some individuals have particular responsibility for the common good of a community, such as the coach of a basketball team, the host of a party, or the mayor of a city, it only takes a few people to ruin it for everyone. If one player on the team refuses to pass the ball or follow the coach's plays, the team will play badly. One person talking in the movie theater (remember those?) keeps everyone from being able to enjoy the show. The pandemic has been a particular reminder for all of us that we all have a responsibility to contribute toward the common good of saving lives, and it can only be achieved if we all do our part to wear our masks, keep social distance, and follow the guidance of medical experts.

Recognizing the common good means recognizing that individualism is a myth: there is hardly anything we can do or any choice we can make that does not impact anyone else. Our faith expresses this with the idea of the Church as the Body of Christ: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). As the forces of ideology, division, and fear push us to demonize each other and to act without thought for anyone else, let us instead find ways to serve the common good in our family, our parish, our school, our neighborhood, our country, and all the other communities to which we belong.

*Fr. Steven*



### **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

**Reminder...**Additional parking is available behind the church on Sunday. To access this lot, turn onto Ballard Court from Jackson Street. The green gate behind the church is open on Sunday allowing easy access. We are grateful to Liberty Green Community Center for allowing us use of their lot!

**Marriage Moments...**"Hate not your neighbor." (Sirach 38:7) This is yet another variation on "Love your neighbor." Everybody probably has somebody that they really dislike, if not hate. Is carrying this hate making you happier? Ask your beloved for help to identify one positive trait of a difficult person.

**Parenting Pointers...** It's been 19 years since the 9/11 terrorist attack on the USA and over 7 months since Covid-19 has shut down much of planet earth. Bad things happen, but we shouldn't need a terrorist attack or pandemic to prompt us to voice our love to others and make amends to those we have hurt. Are there people in your life who need to hear words of love or apology from you? Do it today.



**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.

## **Central Louisville Community Ministries...**

St. Boniface has been a member church of Central Louisville Ministries (CLCM) for several years now. CLCM provides emergency rent and utility assistance to low-income residents in our downtown neighborhood, in addition to maintaining a food pantry, clothes closet, and a personal care closet. CLCM gratefully accepts volunteers, and donations of food, clothes and personal care items. On Thursday, September 17th, CLCM is participating in Give for Good to accept online monetary donations: for 24 hours that day you can use the link here to donate: <https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/central-louisville-community-ministries>. You can also check out CLCM's Facebook page at 2 pm on Thursday, September 17th to see a short video featuring our own Ann Wunsch and Carol Cook, filmed in the sanctuary. CLCM's goal is to have 90 donors, and even a \$5 or \$10 donation helps.



## Diocesan News

**Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz...**During segment one of September's *Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz*, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected the Church and the world and in segment three, they discuss the Church teaching about the sin of racism. In segment two of *Conversations*, Archbishop Kurtz welcomes guest Annette-Mandley Turner, Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, to talk about the work of her office and her decades-long work to combat racism in our Church and our communities. *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](http://www.archlou.org/conversations).

## **2020 Catholic Higher Education Collection...**

Next weekend, our parish will take up the annual collection for Catholic higher education. Catholic colleges and universities strive to form students in the spirit of faith and educate them in the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. This collection supports the Catholic University of America as well the two Catholic universities in our Archdiocese—Bellarmino University and Spalding University.



**2020 Holy Land Collection is TODAY...**Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which supports Christians in the Holy Land. This collection was postponed this year due to the pandemic. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education in the Holy Land. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also assists with the preservation of sacred shrines. Wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians, and this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**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.

## Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Isaiah 55:6-9  
2nd Reading—Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Gospel Reading—Matthew 20:1-16a



## September 6th, 2020 Collection Report

\$4,250.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$5,269.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$1,019.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$34,521.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$37,250.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(2,729.00)	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 gather each weekend with family, friends, and neighbors to worship God, a God of mercy, a God of healing, a God always willing to forgive. We are called to do the same. We are called to reconcile with our family member, our friend, our neighbor, just as God reconciles with us when we turn away. May the nourishment we receive at the Lords' table strengthen us as we face the challenge of forgiving each other.

## Today's Focus: Reflecting God's Abundance

God has generously provided for us, and continues to shower us with merciful love. We are called to share God's generosity with everyone.

And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and



him the debt.

MATTHEW 18:27, ESV



be withheld from us. And the consequences of that are severe indeed.

*"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:7-8*

## Reflection on the Gospel

Grudges are awful things. But today's gospel calls us to a higher standard. The forgiveness we've experienced should motivate us to be free with forgiveness when others wrong us. We cannot dole out forgiveness in infinitesimal pieces only to those we deem worthy. Instead, forgiveness ought to be given freely. We must die to the grudges, slights, rudeness, and other transgressions we've suffered and rise to a sense of freedom that comes through forgiving as we've been forgiven. Jesus himself warns us that if we withhold forgiveness, it will

## Consider/Discuss

*In this season of harvest, take some time to look around and be grateful for God's abundance. How does immersing ourselves in God's generosity set us free to pour out mercy to others?*