



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

September 27th, 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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September 27th ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Jeff*)
11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ Mary Margaret Zellers Wuich +

October 4th ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)
11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/ Jo Lee Duvall +

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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.

"What is your opinion?"

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

This gospel reading has always resonated with my experience. It is one of my favorites. In big ways and in small ways I have identified with the first son. When called to go to the hospital at 3:00 a.m. for an emergency anointing, I tend to resist in my human reluctance, but I generally overcome my inertia and go for what inevitably becomes a very moving and profound experience of God's grace. Being busy and responsible for parishes which I serve, I have shown hesitancy at my mom's occasional suggestions to reach out to people she knows are in need, but I eventually surrender and am surprised at God's work through me in those situations. In a more life altering sense, I left seminary for three years, not knowing if I would ever return, only to go back and later decide that I would not be ordained a priest. After significant discernment, conversations with Archbishop Kelly, and the experience of life in a parish community, I affirmed God's leading and petitioned the Archbishop for the call to priesthood. It is in my vocation to priesthood that I continue to discover my true identity and experience the transforming power of God's love.

I am inherently prone to resist God's direction, but some deeper level of who I am always gravitates toward the good, beautiful, and true. While I initially battle against myself, rarely do I dig in my heels for a prolonged struggle. As time goes on, thankfully, I have come through multiple experiences and obstacles to an abiding trust in God's providence. In the end, usually, I do what God is asking me to do. I have always said yes to the Church and the needs of God's people. Even with my initial resistance, I change my mind and go to work

in the vineyard. At times, I wish it was otherwise. I wish I was more apt to simply follow God's voice and easily do what he has called me to do. I wish my first response was always yes. In the end, however, I have found comfort in this Gospel reading, that my superficial hesitation has been overcome by a more significant and real acceptance of God's will and his providence. In trial, challenge, difficulty, unexpected change, interruptions, and surprises, I have learned that God is at work. Even when I bristle at first, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and presence to follow where he leads.

At the same time, in my personal walk with God, I also recognize the opposite. On retreats, at moments of consoling prayer, and in going to confession, I am often moved to say yes to God's call to greater love and holiness. I commit to being perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. I want to live a life of goodness and virtue. I mean it at the time, but struggle to live it out. Sin sneaks in again. Or, more accurately, I choose sin again. It can be as simple as a judgement in my heart, an uncharitable word, impatience at an inconvenience, or skipping an opportunity to serve. It can, also, be more grave. In any case, it's as if I say, "Heading to the vineyard now, Dad," wave goodbye, and then go do my own thing. I am convicted that I act too often like the second son. Thank God for his mercy, grace, and faithfulness. Of course, there is a third alternative. It is the one shown to us by Jesus and seen in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is perhaps the real challenge of this gospel: to say yes and, then, to go work in the vineyard. Too much? For us alone, but with God, all things are possible.

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

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... "You say, 'The Lord's way is not fair.'" (Ezekiel 18:25) It's tempting these days to say, "Life is not fair!" Innocent people are dying of the coronavirus. Rich people often do not pay their fair share of taxes, etc. Marriage is also sometimes unfair. One partner gives more than the other. You may not be able to magically make the world fair, but you can do one unnecessary kindness for your beloved today.

Parenting Pointers... "...humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3) Humility is a hard lesson for children to learn for a strong ego is a necessary developmental stage. Discern whether your child is mature enough to defer to another without compromising self-worth.



Free Little Pantry

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.



Personal Products Collection

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 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.

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.



Archdiocesan Anniversary Mass... Due to COVID 19 procedures, this year's Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Kurtz will be shown online. The mass will be filmed on October 8, 2020 and made available via the Archdiocese YouTube Channel and website shortly thereafter. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and above in 2020 are all encouraged to send their names, mailing addresses and number of years married to their parishes right away so they can be recognized during this special mass. Contact your parish office to submit your information. **Registration deadline is Monday, September 28, 2020.**

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 5:1-7
2nd Reading—Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel Reading—Matthew 21:33-43



September 20th, 2020 Collection Report

\$4,250.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$2,190.00	Weekly Stewardship
\$(2,060.00)	Budget Over (Under)
\$38,520.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$45,750.00	Budget Year-to-Date
\$(7,230.00)	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

In today's second reading, Saint Paul calls upon the Philippians to "be of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." We come here today probably each thinking different things, but during this holy time together we pray that the Holy Spirit may unite us in heart and mind, with the love of God and love of neighbor we have in common, as we lift our voices to sing and pray as one.

Today's Focus: Can you be coached?

God doesn't seek out the perfect, but looks for those who are willing, who are humble, who will try, and—when and if they fail—will try again to do God's will.

"Which of the two did the will of his father?"

Matthew 21:31, NRSV



Reflection on the Gospel

Have you ever met a flatterer, or people pleaser? One who says what you want to hear but has no intention of following through? Or one who over-promises and under-delivers? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable today about such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. There are many reasons why we might over-promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the gospels, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No'" (Matt 5:37) this is simply good advice from Jesus the teacher.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to those of others."
Philippians 2:4-5

Consider/Discuss

When is it hard to "look God in the eye"? In what ways do you (or do you not) feel that you have to be perfect in order to measure up to God?