



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

September 6th, 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 6th ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)
11:00 am ~ People of the Parish/Richard Stauble +

September 13th ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Fr. Steven*)
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.

***"Owe nothing to anyone,
except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
The commandments, '
You shall not commit adultery;
you shall not kill; you shall not steal;
you shall not covet,'
and whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."***

As many of you may remember, in high school I developed a list of my key goals for my life. These included: get married, have kids, earn a million dollars by the time I turned 30, and become president of the United States. This influenced my acceptance of an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy and, even, my major. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, International Relations and focused on environmental politics within my elective classes. I understood politics as the realm of action to make the world a better place. I wanted to do what I could, as much as I could, to leave this world and our society better than I found it. I may have been a bit naive to believe I could ever become president, but that goal was based upon where I believed I could do the most good, where I would have the power to make the greatest difference. As you can tell, I am 0-4 for my high school life goals. Thanks be to God. He had different plans for my life.

In small and big ways, but always in life changing ways, I encountered the love of God. Not only did I see the love of God at work in my own life, I also began to see His love at work in other people's lives. The power of mercy, grace, redemption, the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of freedom and of salvation changed people's hearts. I had never experienced anything like that. I was like a moth to the flame. My heart opened to mystery. My mind to truth. My eyes to beauty. My will to goodness. I had found the pearl of great price and all my priorities changed. My desire to make the world a better place remained, but I discovered that the realm of doing good for me became the realm of God. That

is, the realm of the human heart. I didn't turn from politics because I became disillusioned, disgruntled, or discouraged, but because I found something better. This change was a difference in kind, not just degree. It was profound, deep, real, and personal. It was eternal. It was love.

Love is the answer. It can't just be lip service. Lip service love says one thing but does another. It breaks trust, undermines credibility, and invalidates witness. It betrays the very God who has created and redeemed us. Words, attitudes, and actions matter. Love does no evil to the neighbor, at a minimum. You shall love your neighbor as yourself means more. Perfect love gives everything. It means sacrifice. It means the cross. For the life of the world. This is not easy. I know I fall short. Every day, I fall short. I can be petty, judgmental, derisive, and dismissive. Especially in the midst of the pressures of a pandemic, racial issues, and the election season, my emotions are raw and my basest responses close to the surface. Like Paul, I don't do what I want to do and do what I don't want to do. I am still in need of a savior. I need Jesus, now more than ever. We all do.

Jesus is here. Deep within, we can find him in silence. In our Eucharist, he comes to be with his people. In Confession, we start anew. In the scriptures, he speaks. The Son rises as each day breaks. Into each trial, conflict, hurt, division, frustration, struggle, and failure, the Spirit breathes life. Let us all remember, especially when we fall short, to each and every question, love is the answer.

Fr. Jeff



Prayer Requests

Precious Adams
Vickie Bays
Marty Bedoian
Bob Camfield
Scott McCoy
Carol Nord

*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..."All work and no play make Jack a dull boy" - and a spouse boring. On this Labor Day, use a labor saving device (washer, microwave, car, blender, etc.) to save some time, then do something playful with your honey. Pray for (and thank) those who worked to make your life easier.

Parenting Pointers... An old African song says, "When an old man dies, it's as if a library burns down." Grandparents are like a library for your children, connecting them with the pages of their past. Are your children's grandparents alive? Ask them to tell their story.



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...we have resumed providing personal care items to folks in our neighborhood, and we need your help to restock the closet! You can drop off your donations at First Unitarian Monday -Thursday from 9:30 am —1:30 pm —we need toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, razors and deodorant. These are items that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits (food stamps). THANK YOU for your generosity during this Covid-19 epidemic. Since March 1st of this year, CLCM has distributed \$95,000.00 in assistance for utilities and rent, thanks to several generous grants and our wonderful supporters. *Update:* The Food Pantry at Calvary Episcopal has served food to 3430 people and masks to 997 people.

Needed items can now be brought to the church and we will deliver them



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.

The Sister Visitor Center Needs Vegetables!

Catholic Charities of Louisville's Sister Visitor Center has an immediate need for canned vegetables—not fruit or soup, just vegetables—because the pandemic has limited the Center's supplies and increased clients needs. Please email Lori Feris at lferis@archlou.org to schedule a time to drop off canned vegetables at the Center, 2235 W. Market St., or call Emily Willis at 502.637.9786 x 335 to schedule a drop off at Catholic Charities of Louisville, 2911 S. Fourth Street. If you have more than you can deliver, email Lori to schedule a pick-up. Sister Visitor Center is happy to report that they have been offering uninterrupted care throughout the pandemic, giving away thousands of meals and providing the usual emergency assistance.

2020 Holy Land Collection is next weekend...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.

Highlands Young Adult Bible Study...Join Fr. Steven and other young adult Catholics as we gather each week to encourage each other, discuss the upcoming Sunday readings, and pray Evening Prayer together. Once a month, Fr. Gary Padgett from St. James and St. Brigid parishes join us to discuss your tough questions in "Faith on the Rocks." We meet Thursdays at 6:45 pm either online or in person. For more info, join the "Highlands Young Adult Catholics—Louisville" group on Facebook.

Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Sirach 27:30—28:7
2nd Reading—Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Reading—Matthew 18:21-35



August 30th, 2020 Collection Report

\$3,000.00	Weekly Stewardship Budget
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\$10.00	Budget Over (Under)
\$29,252.00	Stewardship Year-to-Date
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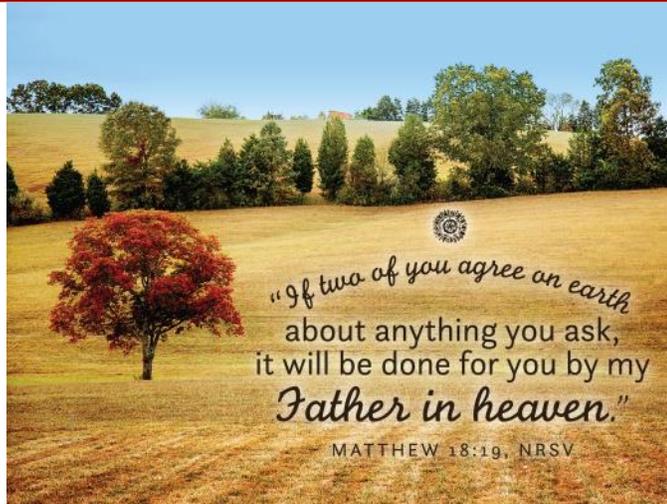
Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Each of us is our brother's (and sister's) keeper. Today we hear God calling us to be responsible for each other. No one should be left on their own to fail; we are called to pick each other up, to help each other out. This Labor Day weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things that contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God.

Today's Focus: Go and Tell—Carefully

Resolving conflicts is always difficult; in the context of the church it can be downright tricky. Disciples are called to continual discernment through the Spirit, for the well-being of the community.



Reflection on the Gospel

Wouldn't life be so much better if we could all live in peace and happiness? But relationships are not like that. Even the most secure and safe nuclear families—individuals raised in the same household, for whom love may

be a given—have challenges with one another. The church is the same. In the face of this, Matthew gives us some practical steps to follow. Only when we experience the new life of the resurrection will every tear be wiped away, and relationships restored. Until that time, we do the best we can, motivated by love and guided by the wisdom of Christ.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

Consider/Discuss

"The commandments...are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Romans 13:9