



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

April 21st, 2024

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
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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April 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter *(Fr. Quan)*

8:30 am ~ Joyce and Ann Trott +

11:00 am ~ Bill Poole +/- People of the Parish

April 28th ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter *(Fr. Quan)*

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish/ Matthew Peterson +

11:00 am ~ Health and well being of Steven and Mary Roberts

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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?

Regular use of your offertory envelopes or online giving assures that you are kept as an

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.



"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them..."

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

This is Vocation Sunday. We all have a vocation! A vocation is a calling from God. You have one. I have one. Every single person is called by God to some specific purpose. Now, God is both just and merciful. He respects our free will and choices. If we miss the call from God, God adjusts and calls us to something new. A decision on our part, for good or ill, is never the end of God's call. He is persistent, consistent, faithful, and loving. God knows our potential and ultimate destiny. He always calls us to the best of what we can be. God is calling you to fulfill his purpose. How does this work?

My own call developed through three initial distinct fazes. I remember being asked as a child, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" My response, very early, was, "A fireman, an architect, or a priest." A little later, I would ask my mom, "What should I do when I get older?" Her response was always the same, "You can be whatever you want to be." God, likewise, always begins with us. What are we passionate about, what lights our fire, what are our talents and abilities? God has created us and the things we are capable of, he knows well. God calls us to the fullest of our potential and to what will fulfill us most. God's call is not an abandonment of who we are, but a fulfillment of who we are. We do not lose anything in God's call, but gain everything. The call from

God may involve sacrifice, or will involve sacrifice, but it is a death to our false self and a realization of who we truly are. God calls us to the fulfillment of who we most truly are created to be.

In high school, I was very driven to succeed, but I also developed a sense of service, and the question I began to ask was, "What difference will my life make?" God starts with us, but turns the call toward the direction of others. We do not live only for our selves, but for the good of others. Admittedly, with some ego still involved, I developed the goals of getting married, having kids, earning a million dollars by the time I was thirty, and becoming President of the United States. I seriously thought of where I could make the most difference, and being president seemed to have the potential for the greatest good for others. It played a significant role in my decision to go to the Air Force Academy. I wanted my life to affect change for the better. God calls us to make a difference in this world.

In college, as my faith in God deepened and my ego diminished, I began to ask a new question, "God, what do you want me to do with my life?" Have you, wherever you are in life, ever asked that question? It made all the difference for me and opened a new horizon of possibilities. For me, it opened the possibility of priesthood. God calls each and every one of us to who we truly are, to the difference we can make for others, and to the purpose he intends. Our call may surprise, but always fulfills. In all calls by God, we are to emulate the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep. May your life and mine, in God's call, bring life to others. Alleluia!

Fr. Jeff

Prayer Requests

Cathy Barlow
John Karcher
Julie Karcher
The Family of Valla Buechel
Lehn
Kaylynn Madison
Twilight Ingram—Mayes
Paul Mattingly
Cathe Rodes +
Greg Ross Smith
Dean Scott Toller
Sonny Wick
Sharon Yates +



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

Ministers for this Week

8:30 am Mass

Server: Bob Springer
Lector: Bridget Davison
Gift Bearers:
Eucharist Ministers: Bonnie Davison,
Dan Barlow, Charles Gazaway, Bob Springer



11:00 am Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway
Lector: Dawn Wibbels
Gift Bearers: Twilight Mayes, Carlotta Ingram
Eucharist Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Judy Perri

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Minister, please contact Charles Gazaway: Charles@stbonifaceparish.com



Online Giving Platform—ParishGiving... Have you considered switching to online giving? No more envelopes, checkbooks or forgetting to bring them with you. It's easy to sign up just, select one of these options: from your mobile device, text "giving" for stewardship or "second" for special collections to 1.502.747.1110 and follow the prompts, OR visit the parish website www.stbonifaceparish.com and click on GIVE, OR scan the QR code and follow the prompts. If you have any questions please contact Patty Loerch in the parish office at 502.584.4279 or email patty@stbonifaceparish.com.

Marriage Moments... Earth Day is April 22nd. This year April 22nd is also the first day of Passover. In marriage often one partner knows more about a topic than the other. Perhaps each of you could google one of these and update the other. Learn from each other.

Parenting Pointers... On Earth Day take stock of what your family already recycles (paper, plastic, cans...) Good! Can you add one more thing to recycle? Better yet, commit to avoid buying something that needs recycling, especially plastic.

Church Tours are now available!... For anyone interested in taking a tour of our church, see Judy Perri and Dan Barlow at the Sorrowful Mother statue in the rear of the church after the 11:00 am Mass.



Assumption's Summer Camp... 2024 registration is now open! This year, Assumption is offering over 40 fun filled enrichment and athletic sessions, including 20 co-ed opportunities to all K-9 students. Our goal is for each camper to have an exciting and safe summer while building new friendships and skills. Visit ahsrockets.org to view all Assumption Summer Camp opportunities. Sign up today and come see what it's like to be a Rocket! Contact lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org with questions.

CLCM... provides emergency rent and utility assistance, a food pantry, a clothes closet, a personal care closet and more. Their Annual Campaign is underway to raise much needed funds, and they're hosting a celebration event on Sunday, April 21st from 2—4 pm at Noble Funk, 922 S. Second St. No ticket or admission fee required. Join us for fellowship, nibbles and drinks, and a chance to visit with a special guest Ethan Almighty, a local rescue dog who has gained a national following. If you can't attend, but would like to support CLCM by making a donation, visit our website: <https://www.centrallouisvillecm.org>



Central Louisville Community Ministries.....is collecting canned spaghetti this week. Please bring and put in the baskets at the doors of the church.

Central Louisville Community Ministries... Spring is here, and that means CLCM's annual campaign fundraiser is underway! As part of that effort, we're raffling a Blackstone 30" Culinary Omnivore Griddle (2 burner propane grill), each ticket is \$20. If you'd like to support the work of CLCM, contact Carol Cook carolcook@twc.com or Carlotta Ingram cmaeingram@gmail.com to purchase a raffle ticket or make a donation! CLCM provides emergency rent and utility assistance, a food pantry, a clothes closet, personal care closet and more, and your donations life up our neighbors in need.



The Little Sisters of the Poor ...are eager to fill several independent living apartments which they have available for low income seniors or couples aged 65 and over. The apartment building is connected to St. Joseph's Home at 15 Audubon Plaza Drive, Louisville, where apartment Residents may enjoy meals and spiritual and recreational activities if they wish. For more information please contact Ms. Oglanda Butler, social worker, at (502) 636-2300.

Next week's readings...

1st Reading—Acts 9:26-31
2nd Reading—1 John 3:18-24
Gospel Reading— John 15:1-8



April 14th, 2024 Collection Report

\$ 4,382	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 5,000	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (618)	Budget Over (Under)
\$180,745	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$182,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ (1,255)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

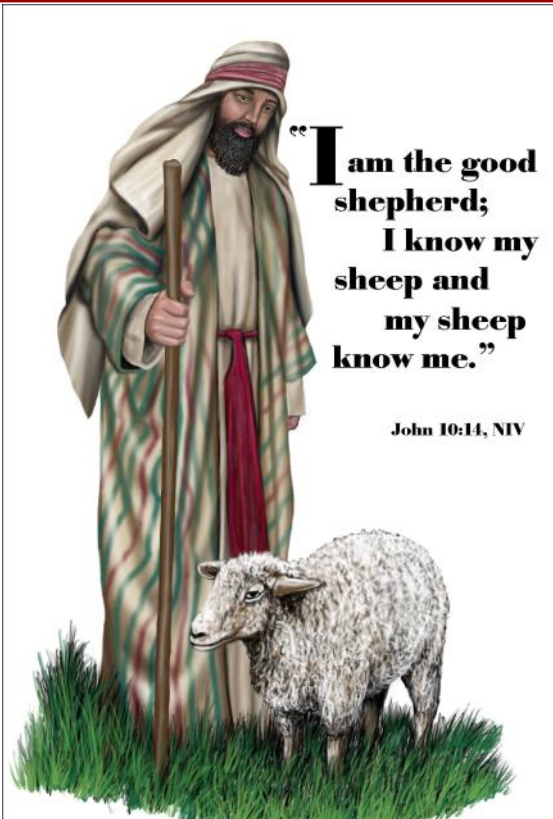
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for his sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. He told his disciples that he would lay down his life for his sheep. Indeed, this is exactly what he did. By laying down his life for our sins, he conquered death and raises us to eternal life with him. Let us allow the risen Lord to guide us to the idyllic pasture of salvation.

Today's Focus: One Shepherd, One Flock

It's often tempting, as a member of the Good Shepherd's flock, to mistake ourselves for the shepherd as well. Even for those who are in positions of leadership, we all must heed the voice of our Shepherd.



Reflection on the Gospel

Some worry that today's gospel implies that disciples are basically dumb sheep, easily led by deception. But is the gospel implying this? The metaphor falters when we notice that it emphasizes the intimate knowledge the sheep have of the shepherd and vice versa (10:14). Indeed, in the vocabulary of the Bible, "to know" another oftentimes refers to sexual intimacy. Moreover, the intimacy between Jesus and "his own" reflects the relationship he has with the Father (10:15). It is an intimacy that is expressed ultimately in loving self-surrender, even unto death.

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man...sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away...This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." John 10:11-13

Question of the Week

In what specific way can I lay down my life this week for someone who needs what I can give them?