



Saint
Boniface
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish
Weekly

April 28th, 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 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

May 5th ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter *(Fr. Jeff)*

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish/ Camfield Family +

11:00 am ~ Debbie Poole +

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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 vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

This week's gospel reading is taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures, in which Israel is the vineyard, and God himself tends the vineyard. Jesus uses the familiar image of the vine and the branches to teach us lessons about our Christian life. First of all, the image reminds us that God is the real owner of everything that we have and we are. He is the vine-grower. He does to us what he thinks is good and right. As disciples, we need to live our life as if we don't own anything. We belong fully to God. We should not allow our selfishness and pride to make us think that we have absolute control over our lives. Rather, we always have to be open to God's action, confident that he knows fully what is good for us.

Moreover, the image of the vine and the branches teaches us that Jesus is the source of our life and the point which connects us with one another. He is the vine and we are the branches. A branch cut off from the vine will wither and die. And so, it is with our life as disciples – we live fully and become fruitful only by remaining in Christ. In the gospel of John, the word "abide" appears at least thirty-seven times: "Abiding in God", "abiding in Christ", and "abiding in his Word". We need to remain in Christ because apart from him, we can do nothing. We can't bear fruit without Jesus. We can't do anything in this world that God is calling us to do without Jesus. When we abide in Christ, we're fed, lifted, and nourished

so we can produce the fruit of Christian character, Christian conduct, and Christian converts.

Additionally, the image of the vine and the branches tells us that in order to stay healthy and fruitful we need pruning. Vine-growers know that the act of pruning is good for the branch. If the branch is not pruned for a long time, it becomes wild and produces no good grapes. Sometimes in our lives, God intervenes with the cross in order to challenge and make us grow. To take away our pride, sometimes God allows us to fail. To make us grow stronger in faith, sometimes God sends us trials and difficulties. Actually, we have to cut away some temporal things so eternal things can increase. We have to trim our lives of the superfluous so we can spend more time on eternal things that bear lasting fruit for God and for his kingdom. We can't do this kind of pruning by ourselves. We need our heavenly gardener, to give us the strength and the will to want to change. We need the Holy Spirit to help us cut out the dead wood of sin and to grow beautiful fruit. That's why it is ever so important that we are connected to the vine. From the vine, Jesus, we receive the nourishment we need to live as his disciples.

Let us bear much fruit. Let us be known for our love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us bear these fruits in the only way that we can: by abiding in Jesus. Especially, at every Holy Mass, we ask Christ to help us realize more and more the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit and the tremendous gift of Christ's Body and Blood offered to us. With this help, we can place our hope not in results or success as the world understands, but in really belonging to Christ who sets us free and desires our happiness in the things that are really important: communion with God and eternal life.

Fr. Quan

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: Charles Gazaway
Lector: Bridget Davison
Gift Bearers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy
Eucharist Ministers: Bonnie Davison,
Dan Barlow



11:00 am Mass

Server: Bob Springer
Lector: Gray Grisham
Gift Bearers: Pat Robison, Sally Lenihan
Eucharist Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Judy Perri

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

Central Louisville Community Ministries...is in need of cans of chicken or tuna, please bring in this week. Thank you for the 66 cans of spaghetti we collected!

Online Giving Platform—

Parish Giving...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... Praying together is good, but your schedule and style of prayer may not match. For a start, try picking a specific and regular time each day to say a prayer for your beloved, perhaps when you start the car, wash your hands, brush your teeth, etc. Try it.

Parenting Pointers...Screen Free Week. If our child is old enough for school, they've probably spent a lot of class time on computer screens. Weather permitting, offer them a Nature Break this weekend—or at least some indoor art, craft, or board game alternatives.

Assumption's 2024 Summer Camp...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.



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.

Ministry for the Chronically Ill and their Caregivers...Are you or someone you love chronically ill and in need of spiritual support? Are you a caregiver for someone chronically ill and wish to feel God's increased presence? The Marantha Retreat is a day long event that uses the teachings of St. Ignatius to reignite the sense of purpose and renewed hope for the ill and those who care for them. The retreat is offered to 10 individuals living with chronic illnesses and 10 individuals who serve as caregivers. It will be held on May 11, at the Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Dr. , Louisville, KY 40216, from 9 am—6 pm. Attendance is free, but preregistration is required. For more information or to register, contact Denise Bouchard in the Family and Life Ministries Office at 502.636.0296 or by email at dbouchard@archlou.org.

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.



Catholic Charities...Common Earth Gardens, a program of Catholic Charities of Louisville, collaborates within the diverse and multicultural community of Kentucky to increase land access to grow food, develop new farm businesses, and build healthy community networks.

Next week's readings...

1st Reading—Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading—I John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading—John 15:9-17



April 21st, 2024 Collection Report

\$ 4,146	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 5,000	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (854)	Budget Over (Under)
\$184,891	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$187,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ (2,109)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

"I am the vine, you are the branches", we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today's Gospel. We are those branches now. Connected to the vine that is the Lord, we are expected to bear fruit. What fruit do we bear? Let us contemplate that question as we prepare to celebrate Mass today. May listening to God's word and sharing in the Eucharist nourish us as we strive to bear good fruit for the Lord.

Today's Focus: Getting Pruned

Pruning plants is a drastic process. Old growth is snipped away to what may seem like a dangerous level, yet its severity is a way in which new fruit can be produced in abundance.

I am the vine;
you are the branches.
John 15:5

Reflection on the Gospel

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the Father as a vintner who prunes branches that are bearing fruit so that they will produce even more. There is a strong emphasis on "bearing fruit"; the expression occurs five times in the passage. It is such a rich image! It speaks not only of the fecundity in our relationship with God but also of our call to missionary outreach and of our interdependence with the other branches on the vine.

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Question of the Week

How will I bear fruit this week...at home, at work or school and in my community?