

# 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 502.584.4279 www.stbonifaceparish.com

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.

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 Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is confident that he knows fully what is good for us.

Moreover, the image of the vine and the branches Let us bear much fruit. Let us be known for our love, joy, this world that God is calling us to do without Jesus. God and eternal life. When we abide in Christ, we're fed, lifted, and nourished

"I am the vine, you are the 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 taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. 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 referencing the Hebrew Scriptures, in which Israel is the trials and difficulties. Actually, we have to cut away some vineyard, and God himself tends the vineyard. Jesus uses temporal things so eternal things can increase. We have the familiar image of the vine and the branches to teach to trim our lives of the superfluous so we can spend us lessons about our Christian life. First of all, the image more time on eternal things that bear lasting fruit for reminds us that God is the real owner of everything that God and for his kingdom. We can't do this kind of we have and we are. He is the vine-grower. He does to us pruning by ourselves. We need our heavenly gardener, to what he thinks is good and right. As disciples, we need to give us the strength and the will to want to change. We live our life as if we don't own anything. We belong fully need the Holy Spirit to help us cut out the dead wood of to God. We should not allow our selfishness and pride to sin and to grow beautiful fruit. That's why it is ever so make us think that we have absolute control over our important that we are connected to the vine. From the lives. Rather, we always have to be open to God's action, vine, Jesus, we receive the nourishment we need to live as his disciples.

teaches us that Jesus is the source of our life and the peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, point which connects us with one another. He is the vine gentleness, and self-control. Let us bear these fruits in and we are the branches. A branch cut off from the vine the only way that we can: by abiding in Jesus. Especially, will wither and die. And so, it is with our life as disciples - at every Holy Mass, we ask Christ to help us realize more we live fully and become fruitful only by remaining in and more the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit and the Christ. In the gospel of John, the word "abide" appears at tremendous gift of Christ's Body and Blood offered to us. least thirty-seven times: "Abiding in God", "abiding in With this help, we can place our hope not in results or Christ", and "abiding in his Word". We need to remain in success as the world understands, but in really belonging Christ because apart from him, we can do nothing. We to Christ who sets us free and desires our happiness in can't bear fruit without Jesus. We can't do anything in the things that are really important: communion with 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



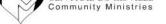
#### 11:00 am Mass

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— ParishGiving...Have you to online considered switching 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 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 while and safe summer building friendships and skills. Visit ahsrockets.org to view Assumption Summer all Camp opportunities. Sign up today and come see what it's like to be a Rocket! Contact lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org with guestions.

The Little Sisters of the Poor ... are eager to fill several independent living apartments which they have available for low income seniors or couples

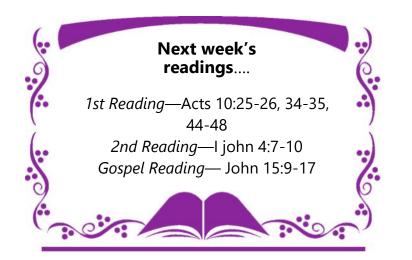
aged 65 and over. The apartment building is connected to St. Joseph's Home at 15 Audubon Plaza Drive, Louisville, where apartment Residents may enjoy meals and spiritual and recreational activities if they wish. For more information please contact Ms. Oglanda Butler, social worker, at (502) 636-2300.

Ministry for the Chronically III 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. 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. information or to register, contact Denise Bouchard in the Family and Life Ministries Office at 502.636.0296 or by email 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.



## 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 What fruit do we fruit. bear? Let us contemplate that question we 🛭 as 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.



## Reflection on the Gospel

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the Father as a who vintner prunes branches that are bearing fruit so that they will produce even more. There is a strong emphasis on fruit": "bearing the expression occurs five times in the passage. such a rich image! lt speaks not only of the fecundity in our relationship with God but also. call our to  $h_n$  15 5 missionary outreach and of our interdependence with the other branches on the vine

**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. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

### **Question of the Week**

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