



Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

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

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish/ Camfield Family +  
11:00 am ~ Debbie Poole +

May 12th ~ The Ascension of the Lord *(Fr. Quan)*

8:30 am ~ People of the Parish/ Janet Chadwell  
11:00 am ~ Joyce and Ann 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?

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**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.**



***"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us:***

***God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.***

***In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins."***

***"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you..."***

***It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."***

I love the parallels of these two passages from the First Letter of John and the Gospel of John. While there is some legitimate debate as to whether or not the Gospel of John, the three epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation all share the same authorship, it is clear that the words, themes, and purposes of these five biblical books are common. In these passages, we see the ultimate and common theme of love. Love one another. On Jesus's lips, this is a command. In the epistle, it is an admonition. In both cases, it is a response to God's love for us. It is not that we have chosen Jesus, but that Jesus has chosen us. It is not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us. God has acted first. God sent his son to die for our sins. Jesus laid down his life for his friends, for you and

for me. There is no greater love than this. It is his life for ours, that we may have life in his name. Because we have been loved, in such a complete and absolute way, we, too, must love. And not just in a feel good, milk toast, mushy way, but in the same way as Jesus has loved us. We must lay down our lives for each other. In small ways or in total ways, we must love. John even states, "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."

Last weekend, I had a wedding for a young couple who chose this gospel for their nuptial mass. It was, for them, the ultimate form of love. Practically speaking, their evidence of love was in their marriage of a University of Tennessee graduate to a University of Kentucky graduate. Blue and orange don't mix, but love overcomes even the deepest divisions. Even more significantly, they understood love to be a verb, not just a noun, and to be expressed in concrete actions. Love is a sacrifice, not just a warm feeling. When commanded to love one another, it's not just about the good feelings we have, not that those are unimportant, but it is about loving one another *as Jesus has loved us*. It is, specifically, about dying to ourselves so that others may live. Beautifully, we see this within the dynamic of families, parents and grandparents, sacrificing for their children and grandchildren. It goes beyond that, however. It is expressed, perhaps, in the phrase, "I go without so that you may have." There is the rub. To love one another is not just from our surplus or excess, but it cuts to the heart of sacrifice. Can we put service before self, others before our own wants or needs? Will we love as we have been loved? I believe we can! "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God." *Fr. Jeff*

## Prayer Requests

Cathy Barlow  
John Karcher  
Twilight Ingram—Mayes  
Paul Mattingly  
Sonny Wick



*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: Bob Springer  
Gift Bearers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy  
Eucharist Ministers: Bonnie Davison, Dan Barlow



### 11:00 am Mass

Server: Charles Gazaway  
Lector: Dawn Wibbels  
Gift Bearers:  
Eucharist Ministers: Nick Perri, Judy Perri

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

**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](http://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](mailto:patty@stbonifaceparish.com).



**Marriage Moments...** Remembering may become more difficult with aging, but that doesn't mean we should allow ourselves to forget. May 6 is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Regardless of whether you are of Jewish or German heritage, take time today to remember the challenging and joyous times of your life and marriage.

**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.

**Church Tours are now available!...** For anyone interested in taking a tour of our church, meet the tour guides at the Sorrowful Mother statue in the rear of the church after the 11:00 am Mass.

**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](http://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](mailto:lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org) with questions.



**Central Louisville Community Ministries...** is in need of boxes of cereal, please bring in this week. Thank you for the 56 cans of tuna we collected!

**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](mailto:dbouchard@archlou.org).



**Catholic Charities...** You've heard the phrase, "the cycle of poverty." but did you know there's a "cycle of poor parenting" that affects generations of children in Kentucky? Parenting isn't easy, especially if you lack resources. Catholic Charities' Community Support Services helps break the cycle of poor parenting by offering parenting skill training to people in need. We lift families up through programs like Mother-Infant Care, which offers pregnancy education and newborn care classes, and Mamma Matters social-emotional support groups for moms with children 5 and under. Contact Beth Yeager for more information at 502.637.9786 or [byeager@archlou.org](mailto:byeager@archlou.org).



## Next week's readings....

*1st Reading*—Acts 1:1-11  
*2nd Reading*—Ephesians 4:1-13  
*Gospel Reading*— Mark 16:15-20



## April 28th, 2024 Collection Report

\$ 4,148	Weekly Stewardship
\$ 5,000	Weekly Stewardship Budget
\$ (852)	Budget Over (Under)
\$189,039	Stewardship Year-to-Date
\$192,000	Budget Year-to-Date
\$ (2,961)	Year-to-Date Over (Under)

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### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of the Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way the risen Lord is with us here today as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in his Body and Blood we receive. Once more, let us pledge to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to his love.

### Today's Focus: Staying Connected

Connection is important for all living things, such as friends connected to each other over the course of years, or disciples connected to Christ so they can flourish.

*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you ...*



*John 15:9*

### Reflection on the Gospel

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of having chosen and befriended all who have remained with him. The offer of friendship to disciples is part of a chain of love that begins with the Father, whose love is poured out in the self-gift that is Jesus, who offers friendship to all. Jesus then tells his friends how to keep that chain unbroken: pay the love forward to others, befriending them in the way that he has done for them.

*"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:11-13*

### Question of the Week

*What sacrifice have I made this past week for someone I love? What sacrifice can I make this coming week? What sacrifice am I willing to make for someone I hardly know?*