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***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

 ***St. Brigid December 22, 2024 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Catholic Church***

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Pastor:

Fr. Jeff Gatlin

Rectory:

 270-877-2546

Deacon:

Mike Ryan

Office:

270-272-6789

314 E. Main Street 657 St. John Church Rd.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Notify the parish office when a family member is hospitalized.

**BAPTISM:** Contact the parish office for information about the required preparation class.

**BULLETIN:** Submit information in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put “BULLETIN” in the subject line along with the name of the parish it pertains to.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Father Jeff or Deacon Mike at least 6 months prior to the wedding date to complete required marriage preparations and to schedule the date.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Contact Deacon Mike Ryan (270) 877-0546 or (270) 272-6789

Contact the **DEW MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

(St. Brigid Church basement):

Open: Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass & 45 minutes before all other Masses.

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(270) 877-2461 (270) 877-2461

Email: brigidvg@bbtel.com

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Saturday (Vigil):*  6:30 p.m.

*Sunday:* 11:00 a.m.

*Tuesday:* 9:00 a.m*. Wednesday:* 6:30 p.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday before Mass from 5:00-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Greg Thompson

*Secretary:* Jan Thomas

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:*  David Yates

*Formation:* Lisa Thomas

*Parish Life:* Doug Updegraff

*Worship:* Sarah Mattingly

**Youth Minister:**

Lori Law: (270) 723-0157

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Sunday:* 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

*Monday:* 9:00 a.m.

*Thursday:* 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sunday at 2:30 -3:30 or by appt.

**ROSARY:**  After weekday Masses

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President*: Bill Cochran

*Vice-President*: Angie Bragg

*Secretary:* Ken Baker

*At-Large Members:* Jane Alder

 Linda Skeeters

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:* To be filled

*Formation:* Tina Yates

*Parish Life:* Angie Bragg

*Worship:* Judy Cochran



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| Sat | Dec 21 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | In honor of the living and deceased members of Anna and Emil Brangers Family | VIGIL:FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| Sun | Dec 22 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory ofMartha Baughman,In memory of deceased members ofLuise Weisshaupt Family | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| Sun | Dec 22 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All ParishionersIn memory of J.P. Williams | FOURTH SUNDAYOF ADVENT |
| Sun | Dec 22 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family,In memory Jim Smith | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| Mon | Dec 23 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family | Late Advent Weekday |
| Tues | Dec 24 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of Elizabeth Ann Whelan | VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD |
| Tues | Dec 24 | 7:00 p.m. | St. John | For All ParishionersIn memory of Fred and J. P. Williams  | VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD |
| Tues | Dec 24 | 10:00 pm | St. John | In memory of Clarence Jenkins | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD |
| Wed | Dec 25 | 10:00 a.m.  | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family, In memory of Richard and Earnestine Nall | THE NATIVITYOF THE LORD |
| Thurs | Dec 26 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Cancelled | --- |
| Sat | Dec 28 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH |
| Sun | Dec 29 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of Muriel and Louise Stith, In memory of Herman and Mary Bryan | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH |
| Sun | Dec 29 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | THE HOLY FAMILYOF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH |
| Sun | Dec 29 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of Richard and Earnestine Nall,Living and Deceased members of Skeeters Family | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH |

**Our Military List**

To add someone to the military list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461.

MAJ Jordan **Benton**, E6 Jose **Bonilla**, A1C Aaron **Chandler**, 2LT Ryan **Cunningham,** AD3 Seth **Filburn** 1Lt Matthew **Fischer**, 1LT Tyler **Hall**, PV2 Brenna **Hicks**, 1LT Olivia **Jerolaman,** 1LT Paul E. **Kotarski**, **A**1C Joseph **Manco**, SFC Peter **Novak**, LTCMDR Erin **Pedersen**, James **Rogers**, Tony **Roger**s, Jonathon **Sifford**, Jeffrey **Slade**, Derek **Smith**, CSM Vance **Snider**, Brian **Tomassi**, A1C Daniel **Trombone**, SGT Evan **Wilson**, WO2 Evan **Vaughan**, SGT Megan **Vessels,** SGT Clay M **Wilson**, SS Shelby Nicole **Winchester**, TSGT Jeremy **Yates**, and for all who serve and have served our country.

**St. John and St. Brigid Prayer List**

To add someone to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461.

Sam **Adams**, April **Allen**, Dennis **Arnold,** Shannon **Barnes,** Denise **Barnett**, Timothy **Birch**, Leon **Blair**, Teresa **Blaycock**, Charlie **Bowers**, Kathleen **Bramlett,** Everett **Brown,** Jason **Brown**, Joseph **Bryant**. Richard **Bryson**, Carol **Buchanan**, Linda **Buchanan**,Catron Peterson **Burdette,** Jeremy & Margie **Buyer**, Greg **Byerly**, Glenn **Canaday,** Sue **Caswell**, Bobby **Chism**, Betty Jo **Cooper**, James **Copley,** Denise **Corbett,** Eric **Cox,** Jeff **Craig,** Michael **Dalton,** Jerry **Deom**, Roan **Dowell**, Virginia **Drake**, Danny **Embry**, Julie **Fagan,** Joe **Fowler,** Wayne **Garcia**, Dayle **Gilliatt**, Danny **Greenwell**, Carrie **Gribben**, Joe Pat **Hall,** Danny **Hardesty**, N. J. **Hardesty,** Jimmy **Harper**, Nathaniel **Harper**, Cheryl **Hart,** Eileen **Heinen**,Susan **Horton,** Frank **Inanely**, Braddock **Inman**, Eve **Jarboe,** Paul **Jenkins**, Betty Lou **Jones**, Bob **Jones**, Mark **Kennedy,** Violet **Knoop,** Robert **Krauser**,Mary Colleen **Learned**, Richard **Lee**, Jenny **Leonhardt**, Denzil **Lile,** Jackie **Long**, Lori **Love**, Shelly **Martin**, Martina **Masoni**, Ron **Masoni**, Kay **Matheney**, Don **Mattingly**, Paul Michael **Mattingly**, Kay **McGuire,** Angela **Miles,** Tate **Miller**, Starla **Miller**,Brixten **Muir**,Alexandra **Munn**, Aira & Zairah **Nixon**, Elaine Ray **Ogletree**, Maggie **Olson,** Theresa **Owens,** Bill **Padgett,** Jim **Padgett,**  Annie **Pierce,** Wendy **Pike**, Adrianna **Porter**, Jeremy **Porter,** Mary Ray **Portwood,** Adrian **Ray**, Jimmy **Ray**, Mary Agnes **Ray**, Rob **Redmond**, Joel **Rivera**, Betty **Robbins,**  Les and Linda **Rogers,** Pam Anthony **Roy,** Margaret **Ryan**, Pat and Mary **Ryan**, Russ **Salvia**, Joe **Samu**, Margit **Sanders,** Caroline **Seabee**, Karen **Shaffer,** John **Sheroan**, Brittany **Sines**, Winona **Skees**,Greg **Skeeters,** Karen **Smith,** Magdalena “Maggie” **Smith,** Sheila **Smith,** Greg **Stevens**, Linda **Stogner,** Joe **Thomas**, Debi **Turner**, Stacey **Vance**, Stacy **Vessels**, Kathy **Watkins**, Mary **Via**, Elfriede **Wheeler,**  Paul A. **Whelan**, Jan **Wilke**, Jennifer **Williams**, Lucas **Williams**, Gail **Wilson**, Marie **Wirth,** Connor **Wright,** Joe Herman **Yates,** Tony **Yates** and all the sick, both mentally and physically.

**Stewardship Reflections:**

**December 22, 2024**

**“First, he says, ‘Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.’ ….He takes away the first (covenant) to establish the second.” Hebrews 10:8-9**

The first covenant emphasized giving as a duty or obligation under the law. The new covenant emphasizes thanksgiving, gratitude, and cheerfulness – the qualities of a Christian steward.

**December 25, 2024**

**“So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child,” Luke 2:15-20**

Jesus is the light of the world. We too can be the light of Christ simply by sharing a smile, a compliment, or encouragement to those who are hurting or feel neglected during this Christmas season.

Saint John Goal $21,500, Gifts $12,470 % of Goal 58%

Saint Brigid Goal $40,200, Gifts, $31,730 % of Goal 79%

**For Both Parishes**

On December 22nd at the 4 PM Mass we will welcome Archbishop Fabre as the celebrant. Immediately following Mass there will be a reception for the Archbishop in the school cafeteria. The Archbishop has been looking forward to visiting the parish and having a chance to meet as many folks as he can. If you can, please join us for this special time during Advent.

It’s the most wonderful time of the year! **For SCAMS!** It’s that time of year when scammers will be sending emails, texts and phone calls claiming to be me or Dcn. Mike. They will have a story stating they need money. *Please Do Not Respond or click on any link sent to you*. Neither Dcn. Mike or I will call, email, or text you to request money. Ever. Peace, Fr. Jeff

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE –** Church office will be closed from December 23, 2024, to January 2, 2025. Please contact Fr. Jeff or Deacon Mike if needed.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WITH THE KIDS** Santa will visit the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 312 East Main St. Vine Grove, KY. On ***Sunday, December 22, 2024, from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m.*** Activities will include pictures with Santa, games, hot dogs, drinks, and fun for all.

**PICKLEBALL** – Saint Brigid gym is open for pickleball on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Come, enjoy the physical activity, and have fun at the same time.

**GYM WALKING –** St. Brigid gym is open M-W-F mornings from 8-10 a.m. for anyone who would like to come walk.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** – Just a reminder when Hardin County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no Mass that day, church events-unless otherwise notified, nor will the gym be open for walking.

**2024 Collection for Catholic Charities** - Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville this weekend. Last year, CCL served over 73,000 individuals. Your generosity helps to fund many vital ministries and social services, including:

The Sister Visitor Center and Fr. Jack Jones food pantries. Indigent Burial program.

Resettlement services for refugees. Bakhita Empowerment Initiative combatting human trafficking.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman, serving close to 15,000 residents in long-term care homes.

Community gardeners with Common Earth Gardens ***Thank you for your generous response!***

**HELP INFORMATION PLEASE -** If you know of anyone that is in the Hospital, Nursing Home, Shut-in, or Homebound, please let us know. You may email Deacon Mike at **mryan@bbtel.com** or call 270-877 2461 Ext 3 and leave a message or text Deacon Mike at 270 272-6789. You may also leave a message on the main office phone at 270-877-2461 Ext. 1. We are trying to make sure that all parishioner’s sacramental needs are taken care of. God bless you all.

**ROOM IN THE INN -** Our shelter will be located at 1113 Woodland Drive, Elizabethtown. Our mailing address is Room In The Inn, P. O. Box 102 Elizabethtown, KY 42701. We will be open 7 days a week 24 hours a day. We have 8 churches who each have a team leader to cover their evenings. This year we will be providing day shelter. We need volunteers for 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm. The early shift will serve lunch that will hopefully be provided by volunteers or to prepare something that is supplied by the shelter. The main responsibility of day shift volunteers will be to monitor guests signing out and signing in. A team lead will always be just a phone call away. St Brigid (Saundra Salvia team leader) will be responsible for Saturday evening 5:00 pm until Sunday evening 5:00 pm. St John (Elaine Geer team leader) will be responsible for Sunday 5:00 pm until Monday 5:00 pm. We require 1 man and 1 woman for day shift volunteers. Night shift requires 2 men and 2 women. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Saundra @270-735-3811 or Elaine @270-763-2202. If you cannot physically volunteer, we always need prayers and donations. Thank you to those who have generously donated. We are still in desperate need of volunteers.

**St. John The Baptist Catholic Church**

 **Monthly Budget Amount Needed: $13,333.00**

 **Monthly Collection for November: $10,197.27**

 **Monthly Collection for December: $16,322.00**

**WELCOME PACKETS** – If you would like to become a member, or learn more about St. John Parish, please take a ***Welcome Packet*** in the church lobby. You may return the stewardship form to Father Jeff or place it in the collection basket.
**2025 TITHING ENVELOPES – are available in the back of church.** Please pick up as soon as possible. If you do not see yours or would want to start using envelopes, call the office at 270-877-2461.

**RE CLASSES:** No Classes December 22 and 29, classes resume on January 5.  Enjoy the Holidays with your families.

 **ROOM IN THE IN SACK LUNCHES:** Thank you to those who have volunteered for this ministry.  We are preparing 30 lunches each week, sandwiches, chips, fruit and dessert in a brown sacks delivered before noon on Monday.  The following have volunteered and are scheduled:  Dec 23 Adam Henderson family, Dec 30 Brenda Thomas family, Jan 6 Tina Yates, Jan 13 Lindsey Bridges Youth Group, Jan 19 Martha Thomas.  You can still volunteer please contact Lisa Thomas 270-735-6930 or glalt@comcast.net.

**WORKING MOMS AND YOUNG ADULT WOMEN BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP -** You are invited to join this group that began in November**,** 9:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m. at the Rectory, (yes while the kids are at RE). A warm supportive environment, where we can dive into scripture, reflect on applications to our busy lives and encourage others. There are no materials to buy, just show up with your bible. The study we are looking at is 52 weeks, but we would only meet when RE meets, unless we love it and want to keep going. If you are interested   Contact Shannon Burba 270-766-4256 sburba@prosecutors.ky.gov or Heather Whelan 270-307-4467 cheatdaisy@gmail.com

**YOUTH BOWLING DAY –** Friday, January 3, 2025, at B&B-Strike and Spare Bowling Lanes. 4547 Dixie Highway, Elizabethtown, KY, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. $10.00, RSVP to your youth ministry/leaders by Friday, December 27th. Any questions, text Olivia Dvorjak at 270-312-9249.

**St. John Liturgical Ministers**

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|  **VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** |  **Saturday, December 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Joanna Sherrard, Amy Thomas, Mary Williams |
|  Lector |  Lori Shinault |
|  Gift Bearers |  Joanna Sherrard, Jan Thomas |
|  Greeter |  Rhonda Newton |
|  Servers |  Volunteers |
|  **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** |  **Sunday, December 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Rick and Danette Powers, Dennis Thomas |
|  Lector |  Dennis Thomas |
|  Gift Bearers |  Kenny French and Abby |
|  Greeter |  Lelia Williams |
|  Servers |  Kate Disselkamp, Ava Durbin |
|  **VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** |  **Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Volunteers |
|  Lector |  Rhonda Newton |
|  Gift Bearers |  Volunteers |
|  Greeter |  Volunteers |
|  Servers |  Volunteers |
|  **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** |  **Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 10:00 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Volunteers |
|  Lector |  Scott Mattingly |
|  Gift Bearers |  Volunteers |
|  Greeter |  Volunteers |
|  Servers |  Volunteers |
|  **VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,**  **MARY, AND JOSEPH** |  **Sat, December 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Rhonda Newton, Lori Shinault,  Joanna Sherrard |
|  Lector |  Mary Ellen Williams |
|  Gift Bearers |  Kay and Bob Jones |
|  Greeter |  Rhonda Newton |
|  Servers |  Volunteers |
|  **THE HOLY FAMLY OF JESUS, MARY,**  **AND JOSEPH** |  **Sunday, December 29, 2024, 11:00 a.m.**  |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Abby Wright, Jennifer Updegraff, Martha Thomas |
|  Lector |  Clarissa Yates |
|  Gift Bearers |  Mitchell and Jodie Thomas |
|  Greeter |  Jodie Thomas |
|  Servers |  Jarrett and Jayleigh Diehl |

**Ushers for December 2024: Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Mass: Kevin and Drew Thomas**

 **Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass: Mitchell Thomas, David Yates**

**St. Brigid Catholic Church**

 **Monthly Budget Amount Needed: $27,717.00**

 **Monthly Collection for November : $27,423.10**

 **Monthly Collection for December: $28,306.00**

**WELCOME PACKETS** – If you are interested in joining our parish, please pick up a ***Welcome Packet*** at the church doors. Complete the registration form and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the office. If you just need to update your registration, there are also forms available.

**OPEN POSITION -** Father Jeff and the Parish Council would like to thank Dale Winchester for his years of serving on the Council as the Administration Chair. He has devoted many hours and years overseeing the church buildings, facilities, and grounds. Currently, the council invites a parish member to fulfill the responsibilities of this position for the recommended period of three years. The Council meets once a month. This person will serve as a consultative and planning body to the pastor. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

**2025 TITHING ENVELOPES – are available at the front tabernacle side of church.** Please pick up as soon as possible. If you do not see yours, or your family would like to start using envelopes, please call the office at 270-877-2461.

**GIVING TREE -** Special thanks to all who gave to the Tom Billings Giving Tree. We collected over 144 packages of items for Signature Healthcare. These were delivered by Ms. Pat Billings. Deacon Mike Ryan took $3,255.00 of gift cards to Hardin County Schools Family Resource Centers for the families that do not get any type of assistance from other services. God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

**ROOM AT THE INN MEALS NEEDED: Sunday is St. Brigid’s day to volunteer -** If you know of any groups, ie church groups, altar society, pickle ball, CCD, Youth Ministry etc. interested in providing a hot breakfast and/or sack lunch for a Sunday (December thru February) please contact Saundra Salvia. Breakfast would need to be delivered by 6:45 a.m. and lunch by 11:30 a.m., enough for 30 people. Thank you!

**St. Brigid Liturgical Ministers**

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|  **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** |  **Sunday, December 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Helen Hicks, Jim Klimesh, Toni Lynn Irwin, Angie Bragg |
|  Lector |  Alison Dupont |
|  Gift Bearers |  Eric Fraley |
|  **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** |  **Sunday, December 22, 2024, 4:00 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Richard Osterhage, Mike Curry, Ina Curry, Carolyn Canaday |
|  Lector |  Lamar Hardesty |
|  Gift Bearers |  Kenneth Spangenberger |
|  **VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** |  **Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 4:00 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Volunteers |
|  Lector |  Donna Spangenberger |
|  Gift Bearers |  Volunteers |
|  **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** |  **Wednesday, December 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Volunteers |
|  Lector |  Alison Dupont |
|  Gift Bearers |  Volunteers |
|  **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,** **AND JOSEPH** |  **Sunday, December 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Angie Bragg, Bill Cochran, Rosie Cochran, Sherleen Barren |
|  Lector |  Kathy White |
|  Gift Bearers |  Jim Hendrick |
|  **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY** **AND JOSEPH** |  **Sunday, December 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m.** |
|  Eucharistic Ministers |  Linda Skeeters, Tiffanie Cooper, Ken Spangenberger, Carolyn Canaday |
|  Lector |  Kathleen Bramlett |
|  Gift Bearers |  Rondale Ates |

***Loving Father,***

***Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May this Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.***

[***Christmas Prayers for 2024: Catholic Blessings and Prayers for Christmas | Hallow***](https://hallow.com/blog/christmas-prayer-catholic-blessings/)