**Saint Brigid St. John the Baptist**

**Catholic Church**

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



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

Vine Grove, KY 40175 Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Clustered Parish Office: Clustered Parish Office:

**ANNOINTING 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:**

Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put “BULLETIN,” and the name of the parish the announcement is for, in the subject line.

**MARRIAGE:**

Contact Father at least 6 months prior to the wedding date to complete required marriage preparations and to schedule the date.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

Contact the Worship Chairperson for information.

**DEW MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

(in St. Brigid Church basement):

Open: Sunday after 9:30 a.m. Mass& 45 minutes before all other Masses.

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

Email: [brigidvg@bbtel.com](mailto:brigidvg@bbtel.com) **Dir. of Religious Education:**

Website: [www.stbrigidvg.org](http://www.stbrigidvg.org)Lisa Thomas: (270) 735-6930

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Deacon Mike Ryan: (270) 877-0546 (270) 268-9963

**Youth Minister:** Ericka Finlay: (502) 612-2644

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

*Sunday:* 11:30 a.m.

*Wednesday:* 6:30 p.m.

*Friday:* 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday before Mass

5:30-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Lauran Thomas

*Secretary:* Theresa Smith

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:*  Nick Thomas

*Formation:* Ericka Finlay

*Parish Life:* Bradley Wickersham

*Worship:* Greg Thompson



**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Sunday:* 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

*Monday:* 9:00 a.m.

*Thursday:* 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sunday before Mass

5:30-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**ROSARY:**

After weekday Masses

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Sue Weisshaupt

*Vice-President:* Mike Bramlett

*Secretary:* Judy Cochran

*At-Large Members:* Blake Ryan

& Vincent Thompson

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:* Dale Winchester

*Formation:* Tina Yates

*Parish Life:* Tom Billings

*Worship:* Keith Baughman



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| **Saturday** | **December 15** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **For All Parishioners** | **Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent** |
| **Sunday** | **December 16** | **9:30 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Mack, Leanna & Billy Cecil** | **3rd Sunday of Advent** |
| **“** | **“** | **11:30 a.m.** | **St. John** | **Fr. Stan Osborne**  **J. P. Williams** | **“** |
| **“** | **“** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Our Parish Family**  **Helen C. Adams** | **“** |
| **Monday** | **December 17** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Rose Marie Yates**  **James A. Smith** | **Late Advent Weekday** |
| **Wednesday** | **December 19** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **Bruce & Margaret Lincoln** | **Late Advent Weekday** |
| **Thursday** | **December 20** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Dickie Cecil** | **Late Advent Weekday** |
| **Friday** | **December 21** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. John** | **Philip Whelan** | **Late Advent Weekday** |
| **Saturday** | **December 22** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **For All Parishioners** | **Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent** |
| **Sunday** | **December 23** | **9:30 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Rose Marie Yates**  **Carlos Robbins** | **4th Sunday of Advent** |
| **“** | **“** | **11:30 a.m.** | **St. John** | **Fr. Stan Osborne** | **“** |
| **“** | “ | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Our Parish Family**  **Mike & Joetta Gunning** | **“** |
| **Monday** | **December 24** | **6:00 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Buckman, Ray,**  **Olson & Frost Families** | **Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord**  **(Christmas)** |
| **“** | “ | **8:00 p.m.** | **St. John** | **Bruce Sherrard**  **Alex & Maggie Thomas** | **“** |
| **Tuesday** | **December 25** | **Midnight** | **St. John** | **Brad French** | **The Nativity of the Lord**  **(Christmas)** |
|  |  | **10:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Don Rogers**  **Elroy Rogers** | **“** |

**For Both Parishes**

**VOCATIONS** – Do you know a young man or woman who might make a great priest, brother or sister? Help the Archdiocese of Louisville Vocations Office connect with them! By submitting names through our Called by Name initiative, you'll help us send potential discerners good information and invitations to discernment events. To participate visit: [www.louisvillevocations.com/called-by-name/](http://www.louisvillevocations.com/called-by-name/)

**ABORTION AND ADOPTION –** The number of would-be adoptive parents (of newborn babies) far outstrips the supply in America. Each year in the United States, about 135,000 American children are placed for adoption. Experts estimate somewhere between one and two million couples seek to adopt yearly. Every year, there are about 1.3 million abortions. Sadly, only 4% of women with unwanted pregnancies give their children up for adoption. Every child is wanted and wanted desperately! By Pro-Life Articles Author [www.pro-lifearticles.org](http://www.pro-lifearticles.org)

**PROJECT RACHEL** **–** Healing…Forgiveness…Hope…After the experience of an abortion. If you or someone you know is struggling with the pain from an abortion, please consider Project Rachel – a post abortion ministry. To speak to someone confidentially, call (502) 471-2155 or email [ProjectRachel@archlou.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@archlou.org).

**CONFIDENTIAL PREGNANCY AND ADOPTION COUNSELING** – is available at Catholic Charities for women of all ages experiencing untimely pregnancies. A full range of services are provided, including adoptive placement, legal assistance and counseling for individuals, groups and families. Post-abortion counseling is also available. Services are provided regardless of income or marital status. For more information, call Catholic Charities at (502) 637-9786.

**K OF C CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – Beginning Sunday, December 1, a box will be in the vestibule of the church for the collection of canned goods for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Basket Drive. A couple of our Confirmation students are taking on the responsibility of collecting and delivering all items collected to the Knights of Columbus. **Please drop off non-perishable food items beginning December 1 through December 16.**

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS IN FLAHERTY** – invites you to a Countdown to 2019, New Year’s Eve Dance, in the St. Martin Gym on **Monday, December 31, from 8:00 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.** Tickets are $20 single, $35 couple, table for 8 $140. Contact Lisa Hobbs at (270) 668-5826; Elaine Medley at (270) 668-4100; Elaine McKinney at (270) 547-8111; or Roselle Muse at (270) 272-4898. Please join in the fun!

**LOOK, THINK, ACT!!**  Look - at your relatives, friends, and acquaintances.  Think - who on this list should become Catholic?  Act - ask each of them if they would like for you to sponsor them and accompany them on their journey toward becoming a Catholic.  Invite them to join the RCIA team as they present the program.  The RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] will begin on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019** and end on Holy Saturday, April 20.  Interested persons should contact Keith Baughman at (270) 877-5283 or Saint Brigid Parish at (270) 877-2461.  If you get an answering machine, please leave your name and phone number.  Your call will be answered!!

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Date: **Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.** Topics: Introduction and Overview of the RCIA Process

and Initial Interviews [Q1]

Place: CMR (Church Meeting Room in

basement of the church)

Facilitator: RCIA staff

Anyone interested should contact Keith Baughman at (270) 877-5283 or the Parish Office at (270) 877-2461. Leave your name and phone number.

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

To add someone to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461. **Remember to call to remove someone from the list if they are no longer sick, etc.** *Please note that the prayer list has been revised. It is primarily for parishioners and their immediate family members*.

Sam **Adams**, April **Allen**, Dennis **Arnold**, Barbara **Ashley**, Donnie Alan **Atcher**, Shannon **Barnes,** Denise **Barnett**, Timothy **Birch**, Teresa **Blaycock**, Charlie **Bowers**, Pauline **Brangers**, Ellen **Bryan**, Richard **Bryson**, Carol **Buchanan**, Linda **Buchanan**, Jeremy & Margie **Buyer**, Deacon Bob **Caspar**, Sue **Caswell**, Ed **Cecil**, J. Mack **Cecil**, Steve **Cecil**, Judy **Cleaver**, John **Connor**, Betty Jo **Cooper**, Heidi **Correa**, Jeff **Craig**, Glynn **Clutches**, Roan **Dowell**, Karen **Dworshak**, Leroy **Embry**, Marion **French**, Dwayne **Garcia**, Joe **Greenwell**, Carrie **Gribben**, Mary **Hager**, Mrs. Charles **Hair**, Stephanie **Hall**, Donnie **Hart**, Jimmy **Harper**, Bobby **Harris**, Eileen **Heinen**, Debbie **Hodge**, Betty Lou **Jones**, Charlene **Langley**, Olivia **Leasor**, Jenny **Leonhardt**, Jackie **Long**, Louise **Lucous**, Alma **Mahanna**, Shelly **Martin**, Shirley **Martin**, Martina **Masoni**, Don **Mattingly**, Gerard **Mattingly**, Paul Michael **Mattingly**, Mary **Medley,** Cindy **Miller**, Starla **Miller**, Doug **Osborne**, Duane **Osborne**, Mickey **Padgett**, Frank **Inanely**, Jerry **Phillips**, Annie **Pierce**, Adrianna **Porter**, Jeremy **Porter**, Adrian **Ray**, Mary Agnes **Ray**, Mary Ellen **Ray**, Tonya **Reisinger**, Joel **Rivera**, Suzanne **Russell**, Caroline **Seabee**, Leon **Skeeters**, Jim **Smith**, Ralph **Staples**, Keith **Tassin**, Kenny **Thompson**, Raffaella **Tucker**, Debi **Turner**, Stacey **Vance**, Bill **Waldrop**, Lois **Weaver**, De Neil **Whelan**, Paul A. **Whelan**, Jennifer **Williams**, Sandy **Wiseman**, Zach **Wiseman**, Gail **Wilson**, Don **Wooldridge**, Connor **Wright**, and all the sick, both mentally and physically.

**OUR MILITARY List**

To add someone to the military list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461. **Remember to call to remove someone from the list if they are no longer in the service**.

Lt. Matt **Bednar**, PFC Richard H. **Chapman**, A1C Aaron **Chandler**, A1C Brandon **Davila**, SrA Felicia **Esquivel**, PFC Tyler **Hall**, A1C Ryan **Henley**, A1C Joseph **Manco**, SPC Jacob L. **Nall**, SFC Peter **Novak**, Tony **Rickerl**, James **Rogers**, Tony **Rogers**, Jonathon **Sifford**, Jeffrey **Slade**, Derek **Smith**, CSM Vance **Snider**, Brian **Tomassi**, A1C Daniel **Trombone**, SGT Evan **Vaughan**, PV2 William **Vaughan**, SFC Lisa **Flynn-Veri**, CPT Michael **Veri**, LTC Steve **Wickersham**, SGT Clay **Wilson**, TSGT Jeremy **Yates**, Austin **Zulka** and for all who serve and have served our country.

**St. John The Baptist catholic church**

**Monthly Budget Amount Needed:** $ 12,500.00

**Monthly Collection for November:** $ 11,735.74

**Monthly Collection for December:** $ 7,268.00

**Retired Religious Collection:** $ 190.00

**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 census card and the stewardship form to Father Dan or place in the collection basket.

**REST IN PEACE** – Please keep Tom Brangers, and his family, in your prayers at the death of his son, Jerry Brangers, last week. May he rest in peace.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018 UPDATE** – We have donated $17,500 (80%) of our financial goal with 66 families (69%) participating.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – for Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheet in back of church.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – This annual door collection will be **next weekend, December 22-23**.

**ONE CALL SYSTEM** – St. John now has the One Call System. For now, we will be using this to contact specific groups to keep them informed of meetings and events. If you get a phone call from (270) 877-2461, that is the church office number.  If you get a text, it will say from St. John Church.  Please bear with us as we get this set up.  If you wish to make any changes to how you are contacted, please contact Lisa Thomas at (270) 735-6930 or Clarissa Yates at (270) 766-7821. If you get a call and miss the message, you can go to the new website (Thank you Hannah Thomas) and in the bottom left hand corner of the home page, click on the *One Call* logo.  The website is awesome, check it out at bit.ly/stjohnchurch.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** – Thanks again to the St. John Friends of Habitat for their donations to the Ambler family whose house was dedicated in Vine Grove on Sunday. The family was so appreciative of the cookware, silverware, dishtowels/cloths, baking dishes and pans, George Forman Grill, pitcher and glasses, towels/wash cloths, etc. Your generosity to the Habitat families continues to bless so many. May God bless you for your continued support of Habitat.

**ST. JOHN YOUTH GROUP** – would like to extend the biggest THANK YOU! to every person that attended (or donated to) our 4th annual chili/soup night on December 1. It was our greatest success to date and with your help, generosity, and kindness we received $1,265 in donations to use for our angel tree shopping!!! The youth appreciates the support they receive from our parish community and with those donations they were able to adopt and shop for 8 angels! We were able to make Christmas a little brighter for a 1-year-old, 2-year- old, 4-year-old, 9-year-old, three- 14-year-olds, and a 15-year-old. Everything was purchased on their list and then some! We also want to thank the Women's Group for hosting Bingo. We believe that fun was had by all! Again, we thank you for making this yet another success! Merry Christmas and God Bless!

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** **– Monday, December 24, at 8:00 p.m. and Midnight.**

**ROOM IN THE INN** – St. John the Baptist will sponsor the Friday nights of **December 28, January 25, and February 22** for this program to help the homeless in our area. Contact Elaine Geer at (270) 763-2202 or (270) 737-4172 to volunteer or for more information.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY MASS** – will be on **Tuesday, January 1, at 9:00 a.m.** The Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m. Mass is cancelled.

**St. John liturgical ministers**

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| **Vigil; 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2018** | **6:30 p.m.** |
| Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Lori Shinault Dennis Thomas Abby Newton |
| Lector | Joanna Sherrard |
| Servers | Claire Thomas Drew Thomas |
| Greeter(s) | Joanna Sherrard |
| Gift Bearers | Becky French & Family |
| Ushers | Charlie French Jonathan French |
| **4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018** | **11:30 a.m.** |
| Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist | Scott Mattingly Jose Resto-Vargas Jennifer Updegraff |
| Lector | Clarissa Yates |
| Servers | Andrew Disselkamp Alex Powers |
| Greeter(s) | Powers Family |
| Gift Bearers | Tracie Price & Sons |
| Ushers | David Pike Greg Thomas |
| **Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord, December 24, 2018** | **8:00 p.m.** |
| All Liturgical Ministers | Signed-Up Volunteers |
| **The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018** | **12:00 Midnight** |
| All Liturgical Ministers | Signed-Up Volunteers |
| **Hospital Ministry – Sunday, December 23, 2018** | Anna Mattingly |

**St. Brigid catholic church**

**Monthly Budget Amount Needed:** $ 25,280.00

**Monthly Collection for November:** $ 24,106.68

**Monthly Collection for December:** $ 13,617.00

**Retired Religious Collection:** $ 1,302.00

**WELCOME VISITORS** – 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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – This annual second collection will be taken after Communion **next Sunday, December 23**.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018 UPDATE** – We have donated $31,500 (89%) of our financial goal with 93 families (72%) participating.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** – January through March 2019 EM schedules may be picked up at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued service.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** – Signed-up volunteers are requested for Christmas Eve Mass, 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 a.m. EMs please sign-up to serve at the back of the church. Thank you for your service.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – Because of tax law changes all donations to SVDP should be made out donation is still tax deductible. Thank you for your continued support of SVDP to help the local poor and needy.to St. Vincent de Paul **NOT** to St. Brigid Church. Your donation is still tax deductible. Thank you for your continued support of SVDP to help the local poor and needy.

**GIVING TREE UPDATE** – Thank you for your generosity! We have many gifts for the nursing home and have collected $2,900.00 so far for Hardin County Schools Family Resource Centers for families who receive no assistance from other sources. We are $900.00 short of our goal of $3,000.00 in gift cards. But we still have plenty of time (two weeks). We have about 12 candy canes left on the tree. When the tree is bare, we will have given our all and that is what Jesus did for us. He gave his all.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** – Any children/teens who would like to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 p.m. are invited to come to practice on **THIS Sunday, Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m.**  If they would like to also sing with the adult choir, that practice starts at 2:00 p.m.  We would love for children and teens to get involved in our music ministry.  If your child can't make practice, but you would like them to participate, please call let Deacon Mike know.  His office number is (270) 877-

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – The Knights of Columbus in Vine Grove, KY is preparing for their biggest charity event of the year.  On **Saturday, December 22, 2018**, the Council will deliver over 150 food baskets to needy families in the Vine Grove, Rineyville, Flaherty & Radcliff communities. Please help our event by donating can goods.  Boxes have been placed in the front of the church for your donations.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** – **Monday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY MASS** – will be on **Monday, December 31, at 6:30 p.m.** The Monday, December 31, 9:00 a.m. Mass is cancelled.

**St. Brigid FAITH FORMATION**

Bishop Robert Barron's "CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players" is a multi-part film series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Give yourself a special Advent treat! We will meet for 3 Sunday mornings after Mass in the CMR for coffee/donuts and to journey along with Bishop Barron as he explores the lasting influence of "The Pivotal Players."

**December 16** – Michelangelo

**St. Brigid monthly meet and greet**

St. Brigid Parish hosts a “Meet and Greet” in the **School Cafeteria** the 2nd Sunday of each month immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass with coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity for existing parishioners to extend a warm welcome to visitors and anyone interested in joining St. Brigid Parish. Be sure to also visit the Dew Memorial Library.

**The next Meet and Greet will be Sunday, January 13, 2019**



**St. Brigid youth ministry**

**Sunday, December 16** – Religious Education service project, cookie baking and lunch during normal class time. You won't want to miss this class!

**Friday, December 21** – Youth Christmas Party at Lori's for all youth in the 8th-12th grade. The party will run from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Join us for games, good food and our White Elephant game. This is a great opportunity to join our group if you haven't come before! All you need to do is RSVP by the December 18. Bring a wrapped unisex gift that is under $10, and ugly Christmas sweaters are highly recommended!

If you have any questions, please contact Lori at (270) 723-0157 or email at [stbrigidyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:stbrigidyouth@hotmail.com).

**St. Brigid liturgical ministers**

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| **4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018** | **9:30 a.m.** |
| Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist P. | Sherleen Barren Jim Klimesh |
| C. | Butch & Nan Filburn Denise Hester Mark Kelly |
| Lector | Karen Harris |
| Servers | Molly Weisshaupt Gabe Russell |
| Greeters | Keith & Martha Baughman Chad Sims |
| Gift Bearers | Kurtis Bragg Family |
| **4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018** | **6:30 p.m.** |
| Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist P. | Ashley Osterhage |
| C. | Jackie Veri Ken Spangenberger |
| Lector | Donna Spangenberger |
| Servers | Christopher Morgan Nathaniel Morgan |
| Greeters | Volunteers |
| Gift Bearers | Tim Cooper Family |
| **Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord, December 24, 2018** | **6:00 p.m.** |
| Lector | John Jenkins |
| Servers | Michael Rowe Maggie Board |
| All Other Liturgical Ministers | Signed-Up Volunteers |
| **The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| Lector | Jim Klimesh |
| Servers | Deacon Mike Ryan |
| All Other Liturgical Ministers | Signed-Up Volunteers |
| **Hospital Ministry – Sunday, January 13, 2019** | Keith Baughman & Jim Klimesh |

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

*“The crowds asked John the Baptist, ‘What should we do?’ He said to them in reply, ‘Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.’”* Luke 3:10-11

The answer to the question, “what should we do?” is simple – SHARE. Sharing from the abundances we are given from God is the bottom line for all stewards and is especially meaningful in this Holy Year of Mercy.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always… The Lord is near.” Philippians 4:4-5*

Sometimes pressure preparing for Christmas can blind us to what’s important. Start by remembering that Christ lives in your beloved. Pause. Take time to rejoice in each other today.

**PARENTING POINTERS**

Last Sunday we heard the apostle, John, say “Prepare the way of the Lord.” (Luke 3:4) There are usually many preparations to make for Christmas. Help your child focus on preparing and wait for the celebration.

