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***THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,***

***MARY, AND JOSEPH***

***St. Brigid December 29, 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.

Vine Grove, KY 40175 Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Clustered Parish Office: Clustered Parish Office:

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

Email: [brigidvg@bbtel.com](mailto:brigidvg@bbtel.com)

Website: [www.stbrigidvg.org](http://www.stbrigidvg.org) **Dir. of R. Education:**

Lisa Thomas: (270) 735-6930

**Pastoral Associate**

Deacon Mike Ryan: (270) 877-0546

**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 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 FAMILY  OF 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 |
| Mon | Dec 30 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of  Martha Baughman | Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| Tues | Dec 31 | 9:00 a.m.. | St. John | Cancelled | ----------- |
| Tues | Dec 31 | 5:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| Wed | Jan 1 | 10:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family | THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD |
| Wed | Jan 1 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | Cancelled | --------- |
| Thurs | Jan 2 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family | Saints Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church |
| Sat | Jan 4 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | VIGIL: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |
| Sun | Jan 5 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of  Martha Baughman,  In memory of Audrey Florek | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |
| Sun | Jan 5 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners  In memory of Jeffrey Thomas | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |
| Sun | Jan 5 | 4:00 p.m. | St, Brigid | Sunday in Celebration  In Absence of Priest | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |

**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,** Margaret **Ryan**, Pat and Mary **Ryan**, Russ **Salvia**, Joe **Samu**, Margit **Sanders,** Caroline **Seabee**, Karen **Shaffer,** John **Sheroan**, Brittany **Sines**,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 29, 2024**

**“….Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house? Luke 2:49**

Even at a young age, Jesus understood that he was to be a steward of his Father’s will. Christian stewards seek to live their lives in God’s will.

**January 1, 2025**

**“Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.” Luke 2:20**

At the time of Jesus’ birth, shepherds were among the lowliest of professions, yet they were the heralds chosen by God to proclaim the birth of Mary’s child throughout the land. No matter our circumstances, we too are called by God to share the good news of Jesus with those we encounter.

CSA-NEW-LOGO-FINALSaint John Goal $21,500, Gifts $10,370 % of Goal 48%

Saint Brigid Goal $40,200, Gifts, $20,180 % of Goal 50%

**For Both Parishes**

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

**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 8:00 a.m.-10:00 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.

**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**](mailto: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.

**ROOM IN THE INN 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](mailto: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](mailto:sburba@prosecutors.ky.gov) or Heather Whelan 270-307-4467 [cheatdaisy@gmail.com](mailto: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 27, 2024. Any questions, text Olivia Dvorjak at 270-312-9249.

**St. John Liturgical Ministers**

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| **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 |
| **VIGIL: SOLEMNITY OF MARY,**  **MOTHER OF GOD** | **Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 5:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Volunteers |
| Lector | Volunteers |
| Gift Bearers | Volunteers |
| Greeter | Volunteers |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **VIGIL: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** | **Saturday, January 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Amy Thomas, Rhonda Newton,  Mary Williams |
| Lector | Claire Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Newton Family |
| Greeter | Shannon Burba |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** | **Sunday, January 5, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Libby Brangers, Dennis Thomas, Scott Mattingly |
| Lector | Abby Wright |
| Gift Bearers | David and Cathy Pike |
| Greeter | Tracie Price |
| Servers | Kate Disselkamp, Ben Updegraff |

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

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

**Ushers for January 2025: Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Mass: Charlie French, Jonathan French**

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass: Doug Updegraff, Nick Thomas**

**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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| **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 |
| **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** | **Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Volunteers |
| Lector | Volunteers |
| Gift Bearers | Volunteers |
| **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** | **Sunday, January 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Paula Greenwell, Denise Hester,  E. Jane Vessels, Alison Dupont |
| Lector | E. Jane Vessels |
| Gift Bearers | Larry Hicks |
| **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** | **Sunday, January 5, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Tim Cooper, Carolyn Canaday,  Ken Spangenberger, Emma Riney |
| Lector | Rebecca Ates |
| Gift Bearers | Ina Curry |