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***THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT***

***St. Brigid March 23, 2025 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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Clustered Parish Office: Clustered Parish Office:

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

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Lisa Thomas: (270) 735-6930

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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 before Mass from 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 | Mar 22 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | In memory of Fred  and J.P. Williams | VIGIL: THIRD  SUNDAY OF LENT |
| Sun | Mar 23 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of Louise Stith,  In memory of  William and Alma Mahanna | THIRD SUNDAY  OF LENT |
| Sun | Mar 23 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | THIRD SUNDAY  OF LENT |
| Sun | Mar 23 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family,  In memory of  James and Jayne Smith | THIRD SUNDAY  OF LENT |
| Mon | Mar 24 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family | Lenten Weekday |
| Tue | Mar 25 | 9:00 a.m. | St. John | In memory of Fred  and J.P. Williams | THE ANNUNCIATION  OF THE LORD |
| Wed | Mar 26 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | Lenten Weekday |
| Thurs | Mar 27 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of  Martha Baughman | Lenten Weekday |
| Sat | Mar 29 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | VIGIL: FOURTH  SUNDAY OF LENT |
| Sun | Mar 30 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory  of Candace Hicks,  Our Parish Family | FOURTH SUNDAY  OF LENT |
| Sun | Mar 30 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | FOURTH SUNDAY  OF LENT |
| Sun | Mar 30 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of  Robert Francis Hall | FOURTH SUNDAY  OF LENT |

**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**, SPC Brenna **Brown**, A1C Aaron **Chandler**, 2LT Ryan **Cunningham,** AD3 Seth **Filburn,** 1Lt Matthew **Fischer**, 1LT Tyler **Hall**, 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**, Rose M. **Cooper**, James **Copley,** Denise **Corbett,** Heidi **Correa,** 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**, Cheryl **Hart,** Eileen **Heinen**,Susan **Horton,** Frank **Inanely**, Braddock **Inman**, Eve **Jarboe,** Pasita **Javier,** 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,** Ernie and Linda **Pyzocha,** Adrian **Ray**, Jimmy **Ray**, Mary Agnes **Ray**, Rob **Redmond**, Theresa **Riney,** Joel **Rivera**, Betty **Robbins,** Alaina **Rogers,** Les and Linda **Rogers,** Margaret **Ryan**, Pat and Mary **Ryan**, Russ **Salvia**, Joe **Samu**, Margit **Sanders,** Caroline **Seabee**, Karen **Shaffer,** John **Sheroan**, Erica **Shook**, Brittany **Sines**,Greg **Skeeters,** Karen **Smith,** Magdalena “Maggie” **Smith,** Sheila **Smith,** Greg **Stevens**, Nolan **Stith**, 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.

CSA-NEW-LOGO-FINAL

Saint John Goal $21,500, Gifts $15,890 % of Goal 74%

Saint Brigid Goal $40,200, Gifts, $38,780 % of Goal 96%

**Stewardship Reflections: Third Sunday of Lent**

**“And he told them this parable: There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener….” cut it down.” He said to him in reply “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.” Luke 13:6-9**

As a gardener cultivated the fig tree, stewards are also called to cultivate the talents of one another. The truth is that talents not used are lost to us and others.

**For Both Parishes**

***Mea culpa, mea culpa…***

**This past year has been a rough one for me. I have forgotten numerous things. I want to apologize to and thank everyone for the Christmas presents given to me this past December. I am way past the proper time to say thank you. Let me now say thank you so very much.**

**Peace,**

**Fr. Jeff**

**2025 Catholic Relief Services Collection -** Next weekend, March 29th -30, 2025, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ’s love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

**RETREAT** - The Louisville Cursillo will be hosting a Retreat for all our 4th Day. The Retreat will be held at St. Michael Parish Center on March 29th from 9 am to 3:00 pm. The facilitator will be Art Turner, Director of Faith Formation at the Archdiocese. He will be speaking on being an Apostle, Profit and Disciple of Hope. This retreat is open to all the 4th Day Cursillistas. There will be a $20 charge at the door. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Ken Jackey [(502)554-1763](mailto:(502)554-1763) or Lynn at [(502)](mailto:lynn.dunn61@yahoo.com) 905-8683 to get on the list.

**LENTEN FISH FRIES**: All Fish Fries will be held at the KC Hall, Vine Grove. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Menu:** wonderful hand battered fish with green beans, Cole slaw, French fries, hush puppies and homemade desserts.  New this year, jumbo fried shrimp has been added! We will be offering a children’s meal of grilled cheese, fries, drink, and dessert. We would appreciate donations of desserts for each week!

Donations go to:

March 28th  Knights of Columbus

April 4th  - Rineyville Community Park

April 11th -  Knights of Columbus

**CHRISM MASS** - All are invited to attend the Chrism Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Fabre on Tuesday evening, **April 15th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Assumption (433 S. 5th St.). At this liturgy, the Holy Oils which will be used throughout the archdiocese in the coming year are blessed and consecrated by the archbishop. In addition, the priests of the archdiocese will renew their priestly promises. A reception will follow in the undercroft. Please join us for this beautiful and ancient celebration of the local Church.

**SISTERS OF ST. BENEDICT** Ferdinand, IN, are offering a virtual series April 2 (Stability), April 30 (Fidelity) at 7:00 p.m. EST. for women considering life as a sister. Join as they discuss a different Benedictine vow in each session. They will cover Obedience, Stability, and Fidelity to the Monastic Way of Life. To receive a Zoom invitation and line, e-mail Sister Reuber at vocation@thedome.org.

**TESTIFY LENTEN PROGRAM** – **TODAY,** Sunday, March 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at St. John Church.

**DONNIE ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP –** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Father Diemert Council #3379 is accepting applications for $1,000 scholarship open to high school students applying for college. Applications are available in the office and should be returned by April 15, 2025.

**SAVE THE DATE –** *Archdiocese of Louisville 2025 Lay Assembly*: Monday, July 28, 2025 and

Wednesday, July 30, 2025. More info at [www.archlou.org/youth](http://www.archlou.org/youth).

**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.

**St. John The Baptist Catholic Church**

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

**Monthly Collection for February: $10,985.00**

**Monthly Collection for March: $10,308.14**

**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.

**CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT –** Saturdays 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR WORKSHOP –** For all confirmation students and their sponsors, TODAY after 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Parish Hall. Lunch will be served.

**2025 Catholic Relief Services Collection -** Next weekend, March 29th -30, 2025.

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY WORKSHOP** – Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. **Parents must attend.**

**PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH AND EASTER EGG HUNT** – Sunday, April 13, 2025 after Mass. This will be the last religious eduction day before First Holy Communion.

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE** – Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** – 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2025. **Children should report to church no later than 10:30 a.m. that day. – They will not attend religious education on that day, so please do not send them early.**

 **LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** **Wednesdays** from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (before 6:30 Mass) from March 12- April 9.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** after **Wednesday** 6:30P.M. Mass beginning March 12 through April 9th.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Lenten Bible Study **March 10th through April 14th** with “Mary…. A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother” – Mondays @ 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**St. John Liturgical Ministers**

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| **VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Saturday, March 22, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rhonda Newton, Lori Shinault, Becky Thomas |
| Lector | Claire Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Dana and Claire Thomas |
| Greeters | Joanna Sherrard |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Sunday, March 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Danette Powers, Martha Thomas, Scott Mattingly |
| Lector | Clarissa Yates |
| Gift Bearers | David and Cathy Pike |
| Greeters | Jennifer Updegraff |
| Servers | Jarrett and Jayleigh Diehl |
| **VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Saturday, March 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rhonda Newton, Amy Thomas, Joanna Sherrard |
| Lector | Joanna Sherrard |
| Gift Bearers | Shannon and Molly Burba |
| Greeters | Rhonda Newton |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Sunday, March 30, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rick Powers, Abby Wright, Libby Brangers |
| Lector | Abby Wright |
| Gift Bearers | Tracie Price and Sons |
| Greeters | Clarissa Yates |
| Servers | Ben Updegraff and Kate Disselkamp |

**Ushers for March 2025: Sat, 6:30 p.m. Mass: Ben Thomas,Jackie Burba Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass: Kenny French and Joe Samu**



**St. Brigid Catholic Church**

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

**Monthly Collection for February: $25,716.00**

**Monthly Collection March: $20,206.00**

**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.

**THANK YOU –** “I am grateful beyond measure for all the prayers, love, and support that everyone has shown to me and our family during this terrible time of loss of Amy and Charlotte. It has helped so much to know so many people are praying for us. I sincerely appreciate the continued prayers. Peace.” Christa Pelc

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - will meet on March 30th, April 6th, April 13th. Classes will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**CONFESSION TIME DURING LENT –** Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**2025 Catholic Relief Services Collection -** Next weekend, March 29th -30th, 2025.

**FIRST COMMUNION –** is scheduled for April 27, 2025, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**CONFIRMATION** – is scheduled for the 4:00 p.m.Mass on May 4, 2025.

**St. Brigid Liturgical Ministers**

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| **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Sunday, March 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Paula Greenwell, Angie Bragg,  Tina Yates, Sue Weisshaupt |
| Lector | Jim Klimesh |
| Gift Bearers | Greg Miserendino |
| **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Sunday, March 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Emma Riney, Tim Cooper,  Ken Spangenberger, Carolyn Canaday |
| Lector | Richard Osterhage |
| Gift Bearers | Ina Curry |
| **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Sunday, March 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Angie Bragg, Tina Yates,  Sherleen Barren, Helen Hicks |
| Lector | Alison Dupont |
| Gift Bearers | Eric Fraley |
| **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Sunday, March 30, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Tiffanie Cooper, Mike Curry,  Ina Curry, Kim Osterhage |
| Lector | Lamar Hardesty |
| Gift Bearers | Kenneth Spangenberger |

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Begins March 6, 2025, Each **Thursday** of Lent after 9:00 a.m. Mass until Noon. Sign-up sheets at the doors of Church

**Stations of the Cross**

6:00 p.m. on

**Fridays** during Lent

March 28 Linda Skeeters

April 4 Jane Alder

April 11 Jane Alder

**Saint Vincent de Paul Collection**

\*Donations will benefit Saint James’ Pantry

Requested items are easy open individual meals and soups,

Oatmeal packets

Laundry soaps

Toiletries (Men and Women)

Winter Coats

**Small Christian Communities**

**Sundays** after 9:00 a.m. Mass, March 2 through March 30, 2025.

Christa Pelc will be facilitator. Christa can be reached at 270/319-8841.

**Tuesdays** 9:00 a.m. Saint Brigid Room, March 4 through April 1,2025. Jane Alder will be facilitator. Jane can be reached at

270/272-6695