***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

***St. Brigid May 18, 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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(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 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 | May 17 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY  OF EASTER |
| Sun | May 18 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of William  and Alma Mahanna,  In memory of the  Cecil Family | FIFTH SUNDAY  OF EASTER |
| Sun | May 18 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | FIFTH SUNDAY  OF EASTER |
| Sun | May 18 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of  Milton Skeeters,  Our Parish Family | FIFTH SUNDAY  OF EASTER |
| Mon | May 19 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Communion Service | Easter Weekday |
| Tue | May 20 | 9:00 a.m. | St. John | Communion Service | Easter Weekday |
| Wed | May 21 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | Communion Service | Easter Weekday |
| Thurs | May 22 | 9:00 a.m. | St, Brigid | Communion Service | Easter Weekday |
| Sat | May 24 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | Communion Service | VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| Sun | May 25 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | Our Parish Family,  In memory of  Martha Baughman,  In memory of members from Luise Weisshaupt Family | SIXTH SUNDAY  OF EASTER |
| Sun | May 25 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | SIXTH SUNDAY  OF EASTER |
| Sun | May 25 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | In memory of  Eric and Brian Sipes,  In memory of Allyn Priebe | SIXTH SUNDAYOF EASTER |

**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**, 2LT Ryan **Cunningham,** Sgt**.** Lance **Etsitty,** Sgt. Luiz **Etsitty,**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**, Joe **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**, Judy **Deom, Tommy** Deom, Roan **Dowell**, Virginia **Drake**, Danny **Embry**, Julie **Fagan,** 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**, David **Murray,** Aira & Zairah **Nixon**, Elaine Ray **Ogletree**, Maggie **Olson,** Theresa **Owens,** Bill **Padgett,** Jim **Padgett,**  Joe **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**, Joe **Thomas**, Norbert **Thompson**, 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: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35**

Always pray first. To follow the Shepherd, we must first hear His voice through prayer. It is only after we pray that we can know the proper way to live as God’s stewards.

**For Both Parishes**

**St John & St Brigid 2025 BACCALAUREATE MASS**

**Date: May 28, 2025, 6:30 pm. Please wear your cap and gown. Parents and graduates are invited to dinner after in the Parish Hall, St John Church. Please R.S.V.P. by May 21st to Lisa Thomas. 270-735-6930 or glalt@comcast.net**

**ROOM IN THE INN** –

\*\*We are now open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-4 so that people can come to wash their clothes, take a shower, and have a warm lunch.  God has truly blessed us this past year.  We had 30 people almost every night for the 3 months we were open.  We turned down several people each day.  With the money donated we were able to provide a warm hearty breakfast, and supper for those 30+ people.  There were times when people would just walk in off the street looking for a warm meal and shower.  We also were able to buy bus tickets for approximately 10 people and help them return to their homes. We also rehoused 8 different people.  Time, talent, and treasure is what makes this happen.

\*\*Unfortunately, we have 4 women who are living in tents (purchased with donated funds) and we try to send them back with enough food to sustain them until the next Tuesday.  Items must be non-perishable.  Tuna packets, potted meats, Vienna sausages, breakfast bars etc.  You can contact me, Elaine Geer @270-763-2202 or Saundra Salvia @270-735-3811.

\*\*Just to let you know how our numbers have increased this year.

* 2023-2024 we had 79 guests with a total of 1214 bed days, and volunteer hours totaling 5,651.00. Value of the volunteer hours is $63,401.00.
* 2024-2025 we had 106 guests with a total of 2575 bed days, and volunteer hours totaling 10,700.  Value of the volunteer hours $294,059.00.

**Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad -** Lay men and women are invited to an online Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30pm CT.

Discover how our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology can deepen your understanding of the faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship. Visit [saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse](https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse).

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**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 April: $14,288.65**

**Monthly Collection for May: $ 6,090.51**

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY -** Join us on Mondays at 10 am for Bible Study at St John Parish Hall.  We are starting a new one on Monday, May 5.  We are studying *"Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life"*.  All are welcome.

Save the Date!  **BACKYARD BIBLE CAMP** is Monday, ***June 16 for K-5th*** and Monday, ***July 21 for 6-8***.  Camp will run from 9-5.  Watch for more details! If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Clarissa Yates 270-766-7821, [cpyates@comcast.net](mailto:cpyates@comcast.net) or Lisa Thomas, 270-735-6930, [glalt@comcast.net](mailto:glalt@comcast.net).

**PARISH COUNCIL -**It is time to elect two new Parish Members to join the Council for a three-year term to assist in guiding our Parish on our mission to serve Christ and one another.  Please prayerfully consider this Ministry either for yourself as a volunteer or to elect or suggest someone to serve our Parish in this important ministry. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.

**RELIGIOUS** **EDUCATION**As we end our current year of RE we give thanks to our Catechists for their dedication this past year in serving our students.  We are at a crossroads of seeking a new direction for our program as several of our long-term volunteers are retiring.  As such we are seeking a new plan forward to guide our program with leadership and guidance.  We need volunteers to serve in co-teaching roles in several of our classes, determining curriculum and meeting times,  planning opening assemblies, overseeing student registration, opening the doors and making sure the areas are prepared and ready to go.  How can you help?  Would you be willing to serve on a committee to help oversee the path forward for our RE program? Do you have new ideas, thoughts, suggestions?  If so, there is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board or contact Father Jeff or Lisa Thomas 270-735-6930 or [glalt@comcast.net](mailto:glalt@comcast.net) to see how you can use your gifts to serve your Parish Family.  Many hands make light work.

**HANDICAP RAMP -** Update from Parish Council on the re-construction of the Handicap Ramp.  It was decided after our initial review concerning re-doing the handicap ramp that all the concrete to include the steps on the front of the Church needs to be re-designed and re-constructed.  We are working with a design professional to obtain a design for this project and then to obtain bids to replace and re-do all the concrete to a more functional and aesthetically pleasing design.  Bear with us as we work through this process.

**St. John Liturgical Ministers**

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| **VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Saturday, May 17, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rhonda Newton, Mary Ellen Williams  Joanna Sherrard |
| Lector | Claire Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Carol Goodin and Mary Hall |
| Greeters | Rhonda Newton |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Sunday, May 18, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Martha Thomas, Jennifer Updegraff,  Scott Mattingly |
| Lector | Dennis Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Nick and Linda Thomas |
| Greeters | Jodie Thomas |
| Servers | Jarrett and Jayleigh Diehl |
| **VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Saturday, May 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Amy Thomas, Becky Thomas, Lori Shinault |
| Lector | Joanna Sherrard |
| Gift Bearers | Dana and Claire Thomas |
| Greeters | Shannon Burba |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Sunday, May 25, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Libby Brangers, Dennis Thomas,  Rick Powers |
| Lector | Clarissa Yates |
| Gift Bearers | Gary and Libby Brangers |
| Greeters | Tracie Price |
| Servers | Ben Updegraff, Kate Disselkamp |

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

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

**St. Brigid Catholic Church**

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

**Monthly Collection April: $27,893.06**

**Monthly Collection for May: $12,734.00**

**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.

**FESTIVAL FESTIVAL  FESTIVAL -** The festival preparation is in full swing!

\*\*We have 300 Capital Prize tickets at $100.00 dollars apiece

\*\*We have quilt tickets at $1.00 dollar apiece. These tickets are available at the end of all Masses and the main office during the week.

\*\* We will have games, booths, food trucks, craft booths, music, and with each (buyer) of a capital prize ticket you will get two free meal tickets

\*\*You may purchase a dinner for $15.00 dollars with carry outs available.

\*\*We need at least 20 volunteers to help with the event on September 6, 2025. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gina Ryan at 270 735 6355.

**THANK YOU! -** We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who made Confirmation such a beautiful event. Thank you to Gina Ryan and the choir for sharing their gift of music with us.

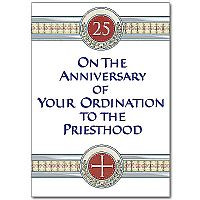
A huge thank you to The Cochran and Weisshaupt families who finished the night with a beautiful and delicious reception. Thank you, Lucas Irwin and Spencer Marcum, for serving Mass. Father Jeff and Deacon Mike for your much needed guidance.

Thank you,

The Confirmation Class

**St. Brigid Liturgical Ministers**

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| **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Sunday, May 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Helen Hicks, Angie Bragg,  Bill Cochran, Rosie Cochran |
| Lector | Kathy Dowdell |
| Gift Bearers | Russ Salvia |
| **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Sunday, May 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Linda Skeeters, Carolyn Canaday,  Lamar Hardesty, Sue Hardesty |
| Lector | Rebecca Ates |
| Gift Bearers | Kenneth Spangenberger |
| **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Sunday, May 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jim Klimesh, Saundra Salvia,  E. Jane Vessels, Tina Yates |
| Lector | Rachel Webb |
| Gift Bearers | James Webb |
| **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | **Sunday, May 25, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Ashley Osterhage, Kim Osterhage,  Tim Cooper, Ken Spangenberger |
| Lector | Kathleen Bramlett |
| Gift Bearers | Richard Osterhage |



**Father Jeffrey D. Gatlin** was ordained June 3, 2000. He is pastor of St. Brigid of Ireland in Vine Grove and St. John the Baptist in Rineyville. He served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Sts. Simon and Jude and Most Blessed Sacrament churches. He was associate pastor at  St. Aloysius Church in Pewee Valley, Ky.; Annunciation Church in Shelbyville, Ky.; St. John Chrysostom Church in Eminence, Ky.; and St. Margaret Mary, Holy Spirit, St. Polycarp, St. Clement, St. Peter the Apostle and St. Albert the Great churches.  
He served as administrator at St. Martin of Tours Church in Flaherty, KY, and St. Brigid Church in Vine Grove. He has served Sacred Heart Academy and the Archdiocesan Committee on Scouting as chaplain. **There will be a potluck in his honor on June 8 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Parish Hall. All are invited to attend!**

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