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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**St. Brigid September 17, 2023 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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**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 5:30-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Greg Thompson

*Secretary:* Lisa Thomas

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:*  Rick Powers

*Formation:* Hannah Bristol

*Parish Life:* Jan Thomas

*Worship:* Sarah Mattingly

**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

4:00 p.m. 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:* Dale Winchester

*Formation:* Tina Yates

*Parish Life:* Angie Bragg

*Worship:* Judy Cochran



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| **Sat** | **Sep 16** | **6:30p.m.** | **St. John** | **Eddie Brangers Family**  **Carmel Pike** | **VIGIL: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** |
| **Sun** | **Sep 17** | **9:00a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Carlos Robbins**  **Candace Hicks** | **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIME** |
| **Sun** | **Sep 17** | **11:00 a.m.** | **St. John** | **Fred Williams**  **For All Parishioners** | **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIME** |
| **Sun** | **Sep 17** | **4:00 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Our Parish Family**  **Vera Reynolds** | **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIME** |
| **Mon** | **Sep 18** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Tom Billings** | **Weekday** |
| **Tue** | **Sep 19** | |  | | --- | | **9:00 a.m.** | | **St. John** | **For Special intentions** | **Weekday** |
| **Wed** | **Sep 20** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **Fred and Carmel Pike** | **Saints Andrew Kim**  **Tae-Gon, Priest and**  **Paul Chong-Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs** |
| **Thurs** | **Sep 21** | |  | | --- | | **9:00 a.m.** | | **St. Brigid** | **Richard & Earnestine Nall** | **Saint Matthew, Apostle**  **And Evangelist** |
| **Sat** | **Sep 23** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **Betty Brangers**  **Living and Deceased Members of Emil and Anna**  **Brangers Family** | **VIGIL: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIIME** |
| **Sun** | **Sep 24** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Tom Billings**  **Inge Luther, Luise Weisshaupt, and Cameron Ponder** | **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIIME** |
| **Sun** | **Sep 24** | **11:00 a.m.** | **St. John** | **For All Parishioners**  **Shirley Williams** | **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIIME** |
| **Sun** | **Sep 24** | **4:00 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Fred Brangers**  **Our Parish Family** | **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIIME** |

**Our Military List**

To add someone to the military list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461. This list needs to be updated. Please, **call the office with the latest names and ranks so this list can be accurate.** CPT Jordan **Benton**, A1C Aaron **Chandler**, AD3 Seth **Filburn** 1Lt Matthew **Fischer**, 1LT Tyler **Hall**, PV2 Brenna **Hicks**, 2LT Paul **Kotarski**, **A**1C Joseph **Manco**, SPC Jacob L. **Nall**, 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**, WO1 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. **Remember to call with additions or removals so we can keep this list up to date.**

Sam **Adams**, April **Allen**, Sidney **Anthony**, Shannon **Barnes,** Denise **Barnett**, Bobby **Best,** Timothy **Birch**, Teresa **Blaycock**, Charlie **Bowers**, 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**, Jeff **Craig**,

Jerry **Deom**, Roan **Dowell**,

Audrey **Florek**, Mike **Fulkerson**, Art **Fulton,**

Wayne **Garcia**, Patsy **Gatlin**, Dayle **Gilliatt**, Danny **Greenwell**, Carrie **Gribben**,

Joe Pat **Hall,** Danny **Hardesty**, Irma Rose **Hardesty**,Jimmy **Harper**, Nathaniel **Harper**, Cheryl **Hart,** Eileen **Heinen**,

Frank **Inanely**, Braddock **Inman**,

Eve **Jarboe,** Paul **Jenkins**, Finn **Johnson**, Josh **Johnson**, Betty Lou **Jones**, Bob **Jones**,

Mark **Kennedy**,

Colin **Langford**,Mary Colleen **Learned**, Richard **Lee**, Jenny **Leonhardt**, Denzil **Lile,** Father Dan **Lincoln,** Jackie **Long**, Lori **Love**, Tommy **Lowman**,Louise **Lucous**,

Shelly **Martin**, Martina **Masoni**, Ron **Masoni**, Kay **Matheney**, Don **Mattingly**, Paul Michael **Mattingly**, Kay **McGuire**, Betty **Medley**, Mary **Medley,** Angela **Miles,** Tate **Miller**, Starla **Miller**,Brixten **Muir**,Alexandra **Munn**,

Aira & Zairah **Nixon**,

Doug **Osborne**, Duane **Osborne**, Richard **Osterhage,**

Jim **Padgett,** Judy **Padgett,** Bridgette **Papenhausen**, Avery, Chris, and Stephanie **Paynter,** Rudy **Petrovic**, Annie **Pierce,** Donnie **Pierce,** Wendy **Pike**, Adrianna **Porter**, Jeremy **Porter,** Mary Ray **Portwood,**

Adrian **Ray**, Debbie **Ray**, Jimmy **Ray**, Mary Agnes **Ray**, Sharon **Ray,** Rob **Redmond**, Joel **Rivera**, Suzanne **Russell**, Margaret **Ryan**, Margit **Sanders,**

Caroline **Seabee**, Karen **Shaffer,** Brittany **Sines**, Connie **Skaya**, Winona **Skees**,Magdalena “Maggie” **Smith,** Sheila **Smith,** Charlie **Stuecker**,

Dan **Thomas**,Joe **Thomas,** Kenny **Thompson**, Debi **Turner**,

Charlotte **Utley**,

Stacey **Vance**, Stacy **Vessels**,

Kathy **Watkins**, Elfriede **Wheeler**, Paul A. **Whelan**, Barbara **White**, Jan **Wilke**, Jennifer **Williams**, Lucas **Williams**, Gail **Wilson**, Monica **Wilson**, Don **Wooldridge**, Pat **Wood,** Samantha **Wood**, Sharon Ray **Wren**, Connor **Wright,**

Angie **Yates,** Tony **Yates** and all the sick, both mentally and physically.

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1

“The Lord is kind and merciful,

slow to anger, and rich in compassion.”

**For Both Parishes**

**FATHER JEFF’S SCHEDULE –** Father Jeff will be out of town from September 22nd through September 30th.

**CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION** – Special Collection for Catholic Higher Education will be held on September 16-17. This collection supports Catholic higher education at Bellarmine University, the Catholic University of Americas, and Spalding University in our Archdiocese. Funds collected allow students to attend a Catholic University who otherwise might be deprived of this opportunity and support the mission of these universities.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – Grilled pork chop, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll and soda meal on September 17, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drive through available behind the Knights of Columbus Hall at 312 East Main Street, Vine Grove, KY. The cost will be $11.00 per meal. Point of Contact is John Pike at 270/307-1499.

**HELP FOR SAVING YOUR MARRIAGE -** Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurtful marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Call 502-479-3329; email:[3012@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3012@helpourmarriage.org); or go to [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org/).

**Clarity’s 2023 Walk for Life is on Saturday, September 16!** This easy-to-walk course is fun for the whole family! Bounce house, snacks, treats, and other kids’ activities will be provided as participants (come and go) from 9am-12pm. Your participation helps provide accurate information about positive alternatives to abortion and compassionate assistance to those in our community who face an unexpected pregnancy. To join us, please register! You can register online, by mail, by phone, or using the pledge forms at the back of church.  If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Samantha Stith at 279-312-5452. **Can’t make it on September 16? Can’t walk 2 miles? You can still support Clarity by pledging to a registered walker!  Message Samantha for more details.  Let’s make this the best year yet!!**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**“None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lords.: Romans 14:7-8**

The message is clear; we belong to God alone. All that a steward does is therefore done for the Lord. Whenever we assist others, we are God’s own messenger, bringing His presence to those we serve.

**St. John The Baptist Catholic Church**

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

**Monthly Collection for August: $15,367.77**

**Monthly Collection for September: $ 7,030.00**

**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.

**CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION** – Special Collection for Catholic Higher Education will be held on September 16 to 17, 2023. Please place your donation in the collection basket.

**ATTENTION:** all middle school students, high school students, parents, and any church member willing to give of their time and talent😊 Come help plan for a year full of food, fun, and fellowship for our youth. Join us after Mass on October 1, 2023, in the Parish Hall for lunch and a meeting of the minds. We want to plan a wonderful year full of faith and fun for our youth.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -**  **The new start time and end times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

\*The two-year Confirmation preparation classes for 8th and 9th grade will begin this year with Confirmation scheduled for the spring of 2025.

\* First Communion and First Reconciliation classes for 2nd grade will begin as well with Reconciliation scheduled for December 2023 and First Communion scheduled for spring 2024.

Please mark your calendars now to get this year started off.  **The single most important lesson we teach our Children is their faith.**  Make this year a strong commitment not only to attend RE Classes but to attend Mass to build a strong faith foundation. Contact Lisa Thomas 270-735-6930 or [glalt@comcast.net](mailto:glalt@comcast.net) with any questions or to volunteer.

**ONLINE TITHING** – Online tithing coming soon – Watch the bulletin board for information and complete the postcards in each pew to sign up. This is NOT mandatory but if you are interested, it will be available. You can set it up weekly/monthly/annually – however you choose to do. If you are currently tithing through the Arch of Louisville Link – that link will be discontinued as of 10/1/2023. (This link was created for use during COVID). Thank you!

**St. John Liturgical Ministers**

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| **VIGIL: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Angela Thompson Rhonda Newton, Joanna Sherrard |
| Lector | Greg Thompson |
| Gift Bearers | Kay and Bob Jones |
| Greeter | Jan Thomas |
| Ushers for September | Charlie and Jonathan French |
| **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 17, 2023, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rick Powers, Danette Powers, Abby Wright |
| Lector | Scott Mattingly |
| Gift Bearers | Updegraff Family |
| Greeter | Libby Brangers |
| Ushers for September | David Yates and Doug Updegraff |
| **VIGIL: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Saturday, September 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Doris Disselkamp, Amy Thomas, Lori Shinault |
| Lector | Amy Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Becky and Charlie French |
| Greeter | Mary Hall |
| Ushers for September | Charlie and Jonathan French |
| **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 24, 2023, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Linda Thomas, Lauran Pedigo, Jennifer Updegraff |
| Lector | John Vittitoe |
| Gift Bearers | Nick and Linda Thomas |
| Greeter | Martha Thomas |
| Ushers for September | David Yates and Doug Updegraff |

**St. Brigid Catholic Church**

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

**Monthly Collection for August: $25,865.19**

**Monthly Collection for September: $14,534.00**

**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.

**CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION** – Special Collection for Catholic Higher Education will be held on September 16-17, 2023. Please place your donation in the collection basket.

**THANK YOU -** The family of Margie Lambert Spinks wishes to thank the entire St. Brigid Church Family for the support shown during our time of sadness. A special thanks to Father Jeff, Deacon Sears, the Resurrection Choir, and those who prepared and served the funeral dinner. It was a wonderful celebration of her life.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –** The beginning of classes last week was successful. Registration for your child continues, if you would like them to attend, please fill out the registration sheet. We welcome them! The next class is Sunday, September 24th.

**STEWARDSHIP**– All St. Brigid members who volunteer in any area are asked to fill out a new stewardship form. This renews your dedication to continue this responsibility and also allows you to choose anything new.

**PARISH DIRECTORY –**

--We are excited to be doing an updated pictorial directory. The dates are October 25th, 26th and 27th between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be done electronically. **St Brigid Church Pictorial Directory Sign up Link :** <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?page=&lang=en&year=2023&month=10&day=01&subPage=newApp&aNum=3534502&step=2&sceId=&typId=65065&a=> . Sign up times are every 10 minutes starting at 2:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each day. Any questions or if you need help, please contact Jane Alder, 270-272-6695, Linda Skeeters, 336-253-1030 or Angie Bragg 270-300-4658.

--On September 24th and October 1st, people will be available after Masses to assist anyone wanting help scheduling their appointment for pictures for the directory. If you would prefer to make your own appointments, go to either the church’s website or Facebook site for a direct link without having to type the link yourself.

**St. Brigid Liturgical Ministers**

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| **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Saundra Salvia, E. Jane Vessels, Tina Yates |
| Lector | Rachel Webb |
| Gift Bearers | Larry Hicks |
| **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 17, 2023, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mike and Stephanie Hall |
| Lector | Rebecca Ates |
| Gift Bearers | Kenneth Spangenberger |
| **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sherleen Barren, Angie Bragg, Bill Cochran |
| Lector | Jim Klimesh |
| Gift Bearers | Sean Irwin |
| **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 24, 2023, 4:00 P.M.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Tim Cooper, Mike Curry, Ina Curry |
| Lector | Kathleen Bramlett |
| Gift Bearers | Rondale Ates |

**FORMATION FALL OFFERING -** This fall there will be two Small Christian Communities. One group led by Christa Pelc will be held on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It will be held in the middle classroom under the church from September 3rd through October 1st. If you have questions call Christa at 270/319-8841.

Jane Alder will lead the other Small Christian Community group. It will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Brigid Room. This community will begin on October 10th and last through November 14th. If you have questions pertaining to this offering, contact Jane at 270/272-6695.

The program is called *“True Reformers”*. Each session will be approximately 2 hours in length.

We would like to thank Keith Baughman for his leadership of the Tuesday morning small Christian community group. Keith has faithfully led this group for as long as we can remember and has been such a blessing! He and Martha will continue as participants.

Welcome Jane Alder in her capacity as leader. She is not new to Small Christian Community…just as a leader of one. Thank you, Jane, for your leadership!

AUTUMN PRAYER

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.  
We thank you  
for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,  
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,  
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,  
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,  
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,  
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.  
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

*— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.*

