

The Catholic Communities of



St. Brigid Church

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Louisville, KY. 40204

St. James Church

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St. James School

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Welcome from Fr. Padgett



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Dear Parishioner/ School Parent:

Welcome to what may seem like the "Help Wanted" section of the classified ads. I assure you it's much more than that. First, it's a reminder that our church is people. And our parishes are people in inter-dependent relationships: we rely on one another for the many activities and ministries that make up our vibrant communities.

There needs to be a constant invitation and welcoming, along with recruitment and training, for all that we do as St. Brigid and St. James. Each and every one of us has a gift and a call to use that gift in ways that build up our community. Thank God in prayer for what you value in your parish; thank the people involved in that and in other areas; offer to take part in that ministry or another that suits your particular gift.

Saying we depend on people really means we depend on you!

Fr. Gary

*Reverend Gary T. Padgett, Pastor
The Catholic Communities of St. Brigid Church,
St. James Church and St. James School*

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St. Brigid & St. James Ministry / Volunteer Opportunities

In this booklet you will find information detailing the many Ministry/Volunteer Opportunities available to you and your family. One of the advantages of being a member of a cluster parish and school is that these opportunities are not limited within one parish. Even if you do not have a child in school, your time and talent is welcomed at the school.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Lou Paquette for more information or if you have an interest in signing up. Mary Lou will see that the appropriate ministry head or chairperson is advised and will have them get in contact with you. Mary Lou can be reached at 584-5565 ext. 13 or via email at: mlpaquette@stbrigidlou.org.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves as the primary consultative body for the pastor in governing the parish. Must be a registered member of the parish for a minimum of one year.

Ken Rosenbaum, Pastoral Council Chairperson 228-9199
kgrosenbaum@bellsouth.net

Father Tony Olges, Pastor, David Doll, Parish Manager, Jeff Purichia, School Principal, Mary Beth Kamer, Members: Don Guilford, Tom Hagan, David Murrer, Ralph Risimini, Gaye Ellen Miller, Chris Morris, Mary Pat Nimon, and Brittany Schaefer.

Finance Council

The Finance Council advises the pastor in matters of finance and decisions involving the temporal goods of the parish. Members should be skilled in financial affairs or civil law. Members cannot hold office in parish organizations or serve on the Pastoral Council.

Greg Klump, Chairperson 585-5315

Reverend Tony Olges, David Doll, Debbie Kopple, Gail Schaefer, Steve Udelhoven and Rod McNerney.

St. Brigid & St. James Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee promotes the growth of the Catholic Communities of St. Brigid, St. James and St. James School through engaging parishioners in the call of discipleship and by welcoming and directing new members.

Kimberly Rogers, Chairperson 648-2483

Kimberly.Rogers@suntrust.com

Father Tony Olges, Jerry King, Debbie Kopple, Lauren Lewis, Bill Northcut and David Murrer.

Building & Maintenance Committee

The Building & Maintenance Committee assists in ensuring the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the grounds and facilities. Volunteers can help minimize expenses through assistance in the cleaning, landscaping and maintenance of buildings and grounds. Requires an interest in preservation, maintenance, cleaning, flowers and landscaping.

John Allison, Chairperson..... 648-1706

Bud Graves, Bill Northcut, Mitchell Reinhart, Bill Rhodes, and Steve Webb.

Fund-Raising Advisory Committee

Jeff Purichia..... 454-0330 ext. 22

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Members: TBD

Staff: David Doll, Jeff Purichia, Sue Hankla and Gail Schaefer

Information Technology Committee

An advisory committee to help with technology issues for St. Brigid & St. James churches. Current parish technology consultants, technology coordinators, school families and interested parishioners. Requires knowledge and experience in Web Site design and the technology field.

Rev. Gary Padgett, Pastor 451-1420 ext. 21

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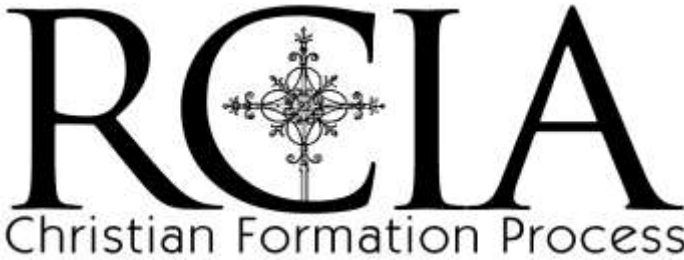
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Life Long Formation

Sacramental Preparation Instruction

Mary Beth Kamer 593-1495
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Elementary students are prepared to receive Sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in their second year of religious education, through participation in class and family involvement in home lessons and activities. Requirements at **time of registration are as follows: A copy of student's baptismal certificate** and proof of attendance if student is enrolling for their second year of study. Students seeking Baptism are prepared through participation in class and the Christian Initiation process.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

Sister Magdala 451-2245
Cell (502) 744-5589

The RCIA program offers a comprehensive look at the Catholic Faith, its traditions, its structure, and Catholicism in the Bible. This program is primarily for those who may seek to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation including Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. However, this program is also for those who are already Catholic, but have not completed their First Communion and/or Confirmation. Sunday sessions of approximately 2.5 hours including Mass attendance begins in August each year.

St. Brigid & St. James

Baptismal Preparation Instruction

Deacon Louis Dugan 933-2855
baranbas@aol.com

At St. Brigid and St. James, preparing families for baptism consists of three sessions of approximately 1.5 hours each. To register for these classes please contact Deacon Louis.

Religious Education for Youth

Inter-Parish CRE

Rev. Gary Padgett 451-1420, ext. 21
info@stbrigidlou.org

The Inter-Parish Catholic Religious education (CRE) serves nine parishes centrally located in Louisville. Classes are held at St. Stephen Martyr Parish. This joint venture of parishes collaborates in our mission of teaching, serving and ministering with Catholics whose children do not attend a parochial school. We are committed to forming, nurturing, connecting and immersing students in Catholic worship, life and faith. Our goal is to strengthen and support a lifelong commitment to a Catholic identity. For more information, please contact the St. Brigid or St. James parish offices.

Sponsor Couple Marriage Preparation

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In the Marriage Preparation program, married couples help engaged couples prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Through regular personal meetings, the married couple shares their personal experiences and challenges in building a marriage and growing a strong family. They encourage the engaged couple to talk to one another about key issues they are likely to face. The primary requirements are an openness to share and an acceptance of others. Sponsor couples attend Archdiocesan training and receive step-by-step instructions and materials. Many sponsor couples say they receive as much as they give through this ministry and enjoy long-term friendships with the engaged couples they serve.

St. Brigid & St. James



Julie Meiman..... 298-3276

What is Why Catholic? *Why Catholic? Journey through the Catechism* is a four-year process of evangelization and adult faith formation. The four book series provides a faith-sharing process for small communities while unfolding the riches of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Participants will be encouraged to study both catechisms in even greater depth, allowing the teachings within to illuminate their faith and promotes an active response in love. The four book series includes Pray: Christian Prayer, Believe: Profession of Faith; Celebrate: Sacraments; and Live: Christian Morality. Small group leaders are needed.

Parish Outreach Ministry

Sr. Catherine Mahady, Parish Outreach Minister 584-5565 ext. 17
cmahady@stbrigidlou.org

Parish Outreach Ministry involves the pastoral care of the sick and home-bound parishioners of St. Brigid and St. James parishes through phone calls, home visitation and Communion calls. Communion is available weekly to parishioners in their own homes, nursing homes or hospitals when they are not able to attend Mass. Communion visits are also made weekly to ill or elderly Catholics from other parishes who are in nursing homes or hospitals which have been assigned to St. Brigid and St. James by the Archdiocese.

Family members or others who are aware of parishioners who are in need of the outreach service of visitation and Eucharist are asked to contact the Parish Outreach Minister, Sister Catherine Mahady, OP, at St. Brigid.

Sacramental services of Penance and Sacrament of the Sick are made available through arrangements with the parish offices of St. Brigid at 584-5565 ext. 10 or at St. James 451-1420 ext. 10.

This ministry welcomes volunteers who would like to serve those who are home-bound, in nursing homes or in hospitals. Volunteers can become involved by contacting Sr. Catherine Mahady.

St. Brigid & St. James

St. Vincent de Paul

Jack Meredith 456-4689

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The purpose of our conference is to provide assistance in the form of monetary aid for utilities, rent and mortgage payments. Our main focus is to provide aid to clients in the 40204 & 40205 zip codes of Louisville, KY. However we may extend a lesser amount of aid to other areas of Louisville through other outreach ministries. The inverse is true as well with other ministries assisting with clients through us in the 40204 & 40205 zip codes.



Stewardship

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Stewardship/Volunteer Ministry

Mary Lou Paquette 584-5565 ext. 13

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This ministry is a means in which parishioners can seek help in determining where their gifts and talents can be most beneficial for both the parishioner and the parish. If one is new to the parish or seeking a change in ministry they are encouraged to contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 584-5565 ext. 13.

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Youth Ministry

Mary Lou Paquette, Volunteer Coordinator 584-5565 ext. 13
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Responsible for meeting the personal and spiritual needs of young people and drawing young people into the life, mission and work of the Church. Develop opportunities for youth to build relationships with each other and a sense of belonging to the parish community and the larger Church. Provides educational programs and support systems for youth dealing with critical issues facing them.



Senior Ministry

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To encourage those in our Fellowship who are 50 and over to participate in activities that foster spiritual growth and health, age-level educational pursuits, evangelistic outreach, and wholesome fellowship events. To promote strong focal points of need so that people may be involved in an area that interests them. The committee and coordinator should work together to determine the needs of senior adults. This includes needs and interests of senior adults within the parish and in the community. This information can be gathered by research, surveys and interviews, brainstorming by the planning committee, and by observation of senior adults.

St. Brigid Church History

In 1873, the Most Reverend William G. McCloskey established St. Bridget's parish, originally dedicated to St. Bridget of Sweden, for the residents of an area called "the hill." Most of these people were of Irish birth or descent and in 1887, the spelling and patroness was changed to St. Brigid of Ireland.

The first pastor, Rev. James Ryan, served the first Mass on October 19, 1873, was determined to see the parish grow and thrive. Through the hard work and generosity of St. Brigid parishioners, the parish did grow and was soon too large for the small frame structure of the original church located on the east side Baxter Avenue between Payne and Roger Streets. Soon a new brick church, which included classrooms on the second level was dedicated in 1890. An article in *The Catholic Advocate* stated that "a goodly sum was contributed in church by those who attended."

It was the dedication and generosity of the people of St. Brigid, along with the foresight of several more pastors that made still a third church, plus a separate school and a convent possible in 1912.

Through their time, talent and treasure the people of St. Brigid have seen their parish thrive through good times and bad. Some of the present members are descendants of original members of the parish. The church was renovated in 1968 and 1987. Known for its excellent acoustics, St. Brigid has hosted many concerts in recent years.

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Newcomers who join the parish, as well as visitors are struck by the unique beauty of the church and by the friendliness and acceptance of the people who make up the parish community.

Even though the current membership of St. Brigid is made up of people from many different areas (including out of state), the same determination, dedication and generosity that existed more than 130 years ago still prevails.

St. Brigid Church Mission Statement

We, God's people of St. Brigid Church, join our talents and our love to the teachings of Jesus Christ to serve others; the young and old; rich or poor; laity or religious.



The Parish of St. Brigid, in the Original Highlands, seeks to:

- Live the gospel of Christ by teaching and sharing our faith
- Nourish people of God, spiritually through the sacraments, and physically by love and service to one another
- Provide leadership to continue and carry out our Community mission

With God's grace, we accept these responsibilities of our ministry; we will work together and call forth all the faithful to bring about the Kingdom of God.

St. Brigid Church Environment Committee

Betty Harrison..... 584-5565 ext. 10
bharrison@stbrigidlou.org

This committee provides support for creating and maintaining an appropriate, reverent and prayerful environment in St. Brigid’s church sanctuary. Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter are celebratory seasons, and the appropriate décor is added to set a mood for the liturgical seasons. The goal of all decorations is to foster prayer and inspire the faithful to further glorify God. This committee is open to both men and women and generally is assembled to assist with seasonal environment. You don’t need to be artistic just a willingness to “roll up your sleeves” is needed.



Altar Server (Adults)

Betty Harrison..... 584-5565 ext. 10
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There is now an opportunity for the adult members of our parish to serve at the altar. Men, women, and married couples are now scheduled to serve. Appointment is upon approval of the pastor.

Altar Server (Youth)

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The youth of our parish participate in the Mass by serving on the altar during Masses. Those in the fourth grade or older and having completed their First Communion are encouraged to participate in this ministry. Incoming servers are trained before they are placed into active ministry.

St. Brigid Church Eucharistic Ministers

George Yeager 267-9292
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Those who serve as part of this ministry have the responsibility of maintaining the proper respect and care in distributing the Body (Host) and the Blood (Wine) during the celebration of Mass and bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Candidates for this ministry must be approved through the Archdiocesan Office. Any confirmed adult can apply.

Gift Bearers

Margaret Guilford (5:00 PM Saturdays)..... 451-3034
Pam Luebbe (10:15 AM Sundays)..... 426-4497
Betty Harrison (8:00 AM Sundays)..... 584-5565 ext. 10
bharrison@stbrigidlou.org

This ministry assists in weekend Liturgies by presenting the bread and wine to the priest at the Offertory time of the Mass. Individuals and families are invited to participate in this ministry.



Lectors

Mora McCreary..... 648-8688
mccreary.mora@gmail.com

Lectors are called to proclaim the Word of God at liturgical celebrations. Lectors must be reverent and prepared to proclaim the Word properly and succinctly during each reading. In preparation for each assignment, lectors are encouraged to research the reading and to proclaim it with the same zeal as the apostles. Lectors are notified of when they are scheduled to read and are provided a workbook so they can prepare for the reading properly. All practicing Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in this ministry. Special arrangements are made for youth and children's liturgies.

St. Brigid Church Liturgical Ministries



Sacristan

Betty Harrison..... 584-5565 ext. 10
bharrison@stbrigidlou.org

Sacristans assist the priest in preparing the church for Mass. Duties include assisting with the overall facilitation of liturgies, preparation and clean-up. Parishioners may express their interest in becoming sacristans by notifying Betty Harrison. Sacristan training is offered periodically.



Ushers / Greeters

Bill Westerfield..... 266-6373

Ushers serve our community by faithfully opening doors, “directing traffic”, answering questions, collecting the offertory, and fulfilling other duties during each weekend Mass. In addition, ushers do much to make the parish community a welcoming place to visitors as well as longtime members. Both men and women are welcome to assist with this ministry.

St. Brigid Church



Director of Music

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gbd8136046@aol.com

Choir Director

Bill Hellman 553-0630
saintbrigidmusic@gmail.com

High-quality music by competent individuals and groups not only enhances enjoyment but more significantly leads to “full, active, and conscious” participation, the primary goal for our liturgies. Our adult choir, cantors, and organist make this happen.

The Choir sings at the 10:15 AM Mass all Sundays, except during August. They rehearse twice monthly and have a brief “warm up” at 9:45 AM on Sundays. We always welcome new members who love to sing. Ability to sing and desire to lend another voice to fine music is what it takes. Our choir members truly enjoy and can be rightly proud of their contribution.

The 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays is a cantored Mass. Good cantors provide vital support for all congregational singing. New cantors are welcome.

The Director of Music helps family members plan the music for Funeral Liturgies of a loved one. The Director also meets with each bride and groom months before their wedding to let them choose the music for their wedding.

Additional instrumentalists on a regular or special-occasion basis can add something special to enhance the liturgy. If you play an instrument, please contact us.

St. Brigid Church Liturgical Ministries Organizations & Ministries

Altar Society

Roberta Rosenbaum, Chairperson..... 228-9199

On the first Wednesday of each month, you can find a group of ladies at the Noon Mass sitting together in the front on the left hand side of church. This is the monthly gathering of the St. Brigid Altar Society with the intention of this Mass devoted to the living and deceased members of the group. After Mass the ladies have lunch together and enjoy the social benefits of membership. The dues for membership are only \$10 per year. The group uses the membership funds to purchase the altar breads from the Carmelite Nuns to be used in all the Masses at our church. The Society also devotes some of their funds to have two Masses said when a member passes away. In addition, the Altar Society honors the priests and staff members at St. Brigid with a Christmas gift in gratitude for their services and devotion to our parish.

Bereavement Committee

Mary Alice Brown..... 458-9045
cl4poppy@insightbb.com

Lucy Salot..... 451-7897

The Bereavement Committee is an expression of sympathy from the St. Brigid Parish when a parishioner has a death in their immediate family. Parish volunteers bring dishes of food to the parish hall and also serve a meal to the bereaved family upon request.

Parish Office Help

Betty Harrison..... 584-5565 ext. 10
bharrison@stbrigidlou.org

Periodically, individuals are invited to work in the Church office assisting with everyday clerical tasks. Computer experience is extremely helpful yet not necessary. Those willing to assist can contact Betty for further details.

St. James Church History

In 1901, Most Reverend William G. McCloskey, Bishop of Louisville, decided to start a new parish on Edenside Avenue to meet the needs of a great number of Catholics in the Highlands area. The first pastor was Rev. E. Earle Willett, appointed just four days before the First Mass on September 7, 1906. Father Willett, who would travel the parish on foot and visit families on their front porches, served as the pastor of St. James for 48 years.

As the parish outgrew the original, small frame structure, a prominent local architect, James J. Gaffney, was engaged to design a new church. Construction began on May 23, 1912 and the cornerstone for the new church was blessed on September 22, 1912.

St. James opened the doors to the new church on December 21, 1913. The church, with its distinctive orange glazed brick exterior, red clay Spanish tiled roof, 122 foot bell tower and 80 foot dome, has now stood as a Highlands landmark for a Century. At least as well-known as the sight of the colorful church, is its beautiful and unique sound. The 2,200 pound, bronze casted, church bell has rung out over the Highlands for one-hundred years, calling parishioners to Mass, celebrating weddings and funerals.

In 2006, St. James completed a renovation program that restored the **church's interior to its former glory**. **St. James Church, Rectory and School** are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The rectory was built in 1928 and ready for occupancy in January 1929. Plans for the rectory were drawn by the ever faithful and imaginative Mr. Gaffney in a style impressively complemented by the church and school.

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St. James Church Mission Statement

The Parish of St. James recognizes that as the People of God we are all Baptized and called to proclaim the Word of God and minister both within our community and in the world. Thus we seek to build community, discover and carry out God's will through worship, life long formation, education and service.



St. James Church



Altar Servers—Adults

Mary Beth Kamer..... 593-1495
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Art & Environment Committee

Cathy Kamer..... 636-1518

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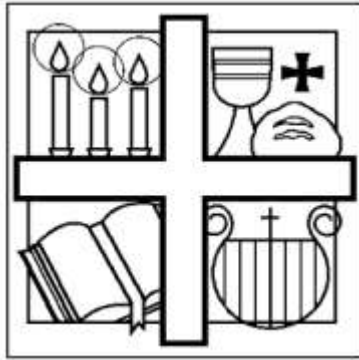
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Ushers & Greeters



Ushers/Greeters

David Doll..... 451-1420 ext. 12

Ushers serve our community by faithfully opening doors, “directing traffic”, answering questions, collecting the offertory, and fulfilling other duties during each weekend Mass. In addition, ushers do much to make the parish community a welcoming place to visitors as well as longtime members. Both men and women are welcome to assist with this ministry.

St. James Church Liturgical Ministries



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The purpose of this ministry is to develop the best possible repertoire of liturgical music to foster full, active, and conscious participation in the prayer life of our community. We currently have both an Adult Choir, and Youth Choir, Cantors and musicians. However, we are always in need of more accompanists, instrumentalists and singers. All it takes is a genuine love of music and a willingness to learn. Workshops are provided during the year to help improve the quality of our ministry. The Adult Choir sings weekly at the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy with practice for approximately thirty minutes. The Youth Choir sings monthly. The Cantors are scheduled monthly to enhance assembly singing and musicians play weekly at the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy with practice following the Mass for approximately one hour. Beginning with the Sunday after the Feast of the Body and Blood, the music ministry is on hiatus for the summer.

Pray the Rosary

A group of individuals gather at St. James Church prior to the 8:30 a.m. weekday Masses to join in saying the Rosary. All are welcome to attend and join these faithful parishioners in this beautiful tradition.

St. James Altar Society

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Those active in the Altar Society assist with the laundering of vestments, altar cloths and oversee the upkeep of the church altar. They maintain the holy water fonts and straightening of song books after the weekend liturgies. On an annual basis they make quilts and blankets to be raffled off to offset the liturgical expenses.

St. James Church



St. James Bereavement Committee

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The Bereavement Committee is an expression of sympathy from the St. James Parish when a parishioner has a death in their immediate family.

We are a volunteer group, from coordinator to all food preparation. **We have a large group of people who cook so you won't be called on for every funeral.**



Parish Office Help

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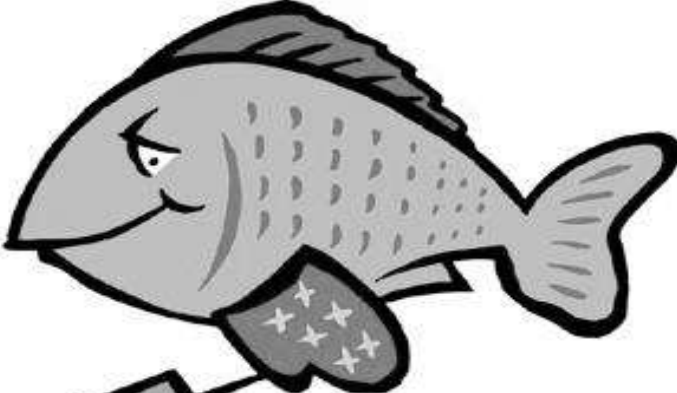
Individuals are invited to work in the Church office assisting with the everyday clerical tasks. Computer experience is extremely helpful. Normally, helpers work on a specific morning or afternoon for two hours. Periodically, individuals can assist with sorting, labeling and preparing mailings .

St. James Church Lenten Friday Night Fish Fries Committee

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Annually, during Lent, St. James sponsors six (6) Friday Night Fish Fries as a fund-raiser to support various church programs. One of the largest programs subsidized by this fund-raiser is tuition assistance for St. James School. Many tasks are available such as: publicity, cooks, servers, and ordering supplies. This is a short-term commitment with high energy usage for six weeks.

Friday Night



Fish Fry

St. James School Mission Statement

St. James Catholic School provides students of different cultures a quality education in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment, emphasizing faith, service and love.

Philosophy

St. James School seeks to provide for intellectual, moral, emotional, and physical growth in our young people within a Christ-centered atmosphere. Our school, with the support and cooperation of the parents, strives to prepare its students to proclaim the Good News and to translate this proclamation into action.

Here, students are instructed in human knowledge and skills, valued for their own worth, simultaneously deriving their most profound significance from God's plan for Creation. Instruction in religious and values is an integral part of the school program. Religious education is not "one more subject" alongside the rest, but it is perceived **as the underlying reality in which the students' experiences of learning and living achieve their deepest meaning.**

The formation objectives at St. James School will be implemented by participating in an organized program of religious education, liturgies celebrating the Eucharist and the reception of the sacraments.

The instructional objectives follow the various courses of study presented by the Office of Lifelong Formation and Education of the Archdiocese of Louisville. All school activities are integrated around the human relationship to God and the individual's relationship to others.



St. James School History

We know on the soundest of scriptural grounds that, "by their fruits you shall judge the worth both of individuals and institutions." The fruits of our school are the thousands of young people who have graduated over the past 107 years, armed with the priceless gift of Catholic education. St. James School has always been open to families and children of all religious beliefs.



On September 17, 1906, St. James School opened its doors for the first time. Thirty children enrolled, their ages ranged from five to thirteen.

The first principal of the school was a truly remarkable woman, Sr. Ursula Jenkins, who served in that position for fifteen years. She was much beloved by students and parishioners alike.

The original St. James School was housed in a small frame building, which also served as a parish Church, located at the corner of Edenside Avenue and Bardstown Road. On Friday afternoon after school the building was converted for the purpose of celebrating Sunday Masses.

In September, 2006, St. James School celebrated 100 years of educational excellence with an all-school reunion attended by students **who graduated as long ago as the 1930's.**

St. James School has developed a brand and five core values. Our **brand is "A culture of excellence where each child thrives"**. Our five core values are modeling faith, embracing family, respecting diversity, differentiating instruction and celebrating tradition. In order to **enhance students' success and follow our core values, the school staff currently includes a Counselor and a resource teacher.**

In past years, School families have been awarded over \$60,000 in financial aid. As the cost of education rises, there are still opportunities for families to receive a Catholic education due to the dedication and support of many agencies and individuals.

St. James School

Jeff Purichia, School Principal 454-0330 ext. 22
Paula Rich, School Secretary..... 454-0330 ext. 11

School Committee

Jeff Purichia..... 454-0330 ext. 22
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This is an advisory committee consisting of school parents and parish members. Meetings are held every six weeks with dates determined at the first meeting in September.

Parent-Teacher Organization

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Meets every third Wednesday except December and during the summer. PTO helps in fund-raising activities, provides room parents, and assists in providing family friendly activities such as; movie nights and pizza.

School Technology Committee

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This is an advisory committee composed of current school families, parish technology consultant, school technology coordinator and any interested parishioners to help resolve any school technology issues. Only two to three meetings a year and meeting dates decided at first meeting in September.

Athletic Committee

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This committee strives to promote and fulfill ideals in the athletic mission statement as they coordinate sports programs and distribute information to parents. Coaching opportunities are available through this ministry.

St. James School

Angelic Auction Fundraiser Committee

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This fund-raiser is the largest one for the school each year and helps maintain our current tuition rates. Various tasks including and not limited to stuffing envelopes, canvassing for prizes from local businesses, publicity, serving at the auction and assisting with set-up and clean-up. Committee meetings begin in October for the March auction.

School Fundraiser Committee

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Members of this committee oversee the fund raising events for the school.

Market Day Committee

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Receives and sorts orders to be distributed to buyers. Assists with the setup and at the sale.

Cafeteria

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Lunchroom Assistants

This is a very rewarding ministry helping prepare, serve, and clean-up for a few hours each week at lunchtime for school students. Volunteers are needed ever day school is in session.



Annual Yard Sale

Assist in collection, setup, pricing and at the sale. The Sale is held in June on a Saturday and Sunday.

St. James School

Library

Andrea Lucas, Librarian..... 454-0330
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Library Helpers

Individuals help in the library sorting and putting away books, assisting students by answering questions and reading to them between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year.

Book Fair Committee

This committee assists in setup and sale of books during the months of October and January.

School Office Help

Paula Rich..... 454-0330 ext. 11

Office is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday during the school year. Various office tasks can benefit from additional hands from stuffing envelopes, answering phones, and other office duties.

Classroom Activities

Jeff Purichia..... 454-0330 ext. 22

Participating and assisting with special classroom activities where the teacher requires assistance. Volunteers who have a special expertise in a career field are encouraged to share with class. Must authorize a **criminal background check and attend the Archdiocese's Safe Environment Workshop**

Building, Maintenance & Beautification Committee



John Allison, Chairperson..... 648-1706

This Committee assists in the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the grounds and facilities. Volunteers can help minimize expenses through assistance in the cleaning, landscaping and maintenance of buildings and grounds. An interest in preservation, maintenance, cleaning, flowers and/or landscaping is desired.

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Getting Involved

There are hundreds of ways you can put your faith into action through the social ministries and life programs available in our Catholic Communities of St. Brigid Church, St. James Church and St. James School.

Please see the opportunities listed inside. Keep your eyes open and your heart attentive to the volunteer opportunities, and you are likely to find something that fits your interests and abilities. We have tried to group the volunteer opportunities listed inside according to their major focus of activity, but many of **them are active in several areas, so look around...**

For more information, please contact Mary Lou Paquette, Volunteer Coordinator at 502-584-5565 ext. 13, or via email at mlpaquette@stbrigidlou.org