



Saint Brigid Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Parish Sacramental Life

Weekday Mass Schedule: 12 Noon
Sunday Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday
8:00 am & 10:15 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
Holy Day Mass Schedule:
Eve: 5:00 pm
Holy Day: 12 Noon
Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Gary T. Padgett	Pastor
Rev. Joseph H. Voor	Senior Associate
Deacon Louis Dugan	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Will Tribbey	Permanent Deacon
Sr. Catherine Mahady, O.P.	Parish Outreach Minister
Betty Harrison	Administrative Assistant
John Allison	Facilities Manager
Gaye Ellen Miller	Parish Council Chair
Mary Lou Paquette	Volunteer Coordinator
Adelaide Hess	Parish Bookkeeper

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



WELCOME VISITORS!

We hope your visit is rewarding. If you are looking for a home church, we want you to know you are most welcome. We also have associate memberships in which you remain a member of another parish. To register call the parish office at 502-584-5565, ext. 10.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church and our faith community. Please call the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Individual confessions are celebrated on Saturdays from 4-4:30pm, or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY, May 22
12 Noon-Mary Rose Messina
TUESDAY, May 23
12 Noon-Frieda Kraus/19th Anniv.
WEDNESDAY, May 24
12 Noon- Bernard Hagan



THURSDAY, May 25
12 Noon-Sallie Anne Hannigan
FRIDAY, May 26
12 Noon-Dorothy Kenney
SATURDAY, May 27
5:00 PM-Trudy Dentinger

SUNDAY, May 28
8:00AM-Gertrude M. Walter
10:15AM-Mary Jane Thieman

Sunday Collection Update

July 1, 2016 - May 7, 2017
(And Online Giving thru 5/5/17)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Short)</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$220,968	\$236,599	(\$15,631)	\$273,404
Loose	\$38,483	\$40,538	(\$2,055)	\$46,844
Total	\$259,451	\$277,137	(\$17,686)	\$320,248


St. Vincent de Paul Donations - \$21,972
St. James School Donations - \$2,794

If you or anyone you know would like a Prayer Blanket please call 584-5565, ext. 17.

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“...sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make a defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15

Actions speak louder than words. Let your stewardship be your reply. Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, nor even a series of actions, but in a way of living.

 **The Sanctuary Lamp** is burning this week for Barbara J. Harp, who died August 14, 2016. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.



Hey there! We hear you singing out in the congregation - why don't you take a step forward and talk to Bill Hellman or Jane Dentinger about joining the St. Brigid Choir? We are especially looking for Bass and Soprano voices, but all voices are welcome. Hope to see (and hear) you soon!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., May 21 - New Member Potluck Social, 2pm, SJS
Tues., May 23 - Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, SBC
- Parish Council, 7pm, SBG
Wed., May 24 - Women's Bible Study, 8:30am, SJ Cafe
- A GIFT, 7pm, SBG
Sat., May 27 - Men's Bible Study, 7:30am, SJC
Sat., May 27 & Sun., May 28 - **DARE TO CARE**

Prayer For Parish Discernment

God of mercy and source of all wisdom, we ask your blessing on our parish discernment journey:



May we be a place to encounter you in Word, Sacrament and Service.

May we be a "family of families," diverse and yet one. May we embrace lifelong learning, formed by Church teaching.

May we be people of charity, justice, and peace - authentic witnesses to the dignity of life and the common good.

May we grow in holiness by sharing your Good News with others and serving those who are most in need, both within our parish and beyond its boundaries.

May we celebrate your abundant gifts and be good stewards of all that you have given us.

May we be a community that exists not for ourselves, but for your saving mission.

Most of all, may we embody your son Jesus, alive in our midst.

As we seek to discern the spiritual and material needs of our parish, help us to pray fervently, listen attentively, and decide where you are calling us to go.

We ask this through your son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever, Amen.

PASTOR'S PEN - *A Word From the Heart*



of the Highlands.....

Our two parishes, St. Brigid Church and St. James Church, have begun the first month of the Parish Discernment Process. Each parish has a Core Group, who have been making pulpit announcements, writing bulletin announcements, crafting electronic and written communication, and implementing strategies for involving our parishioners fully in the process.

All 110 parishes of the Archdiocese of Louisville will participate in this process over the next two years. Our two parishes are in the "first wave" of six parishes working closely with the company retained by the Archdiocese and the Chancery staff for the next three months (finishing in the month of July.)

In both parishes, we have distributed and will continue to distribute copies of Archbishop Kurtz's pastoral letter and study guide to our parish families to take home, to read, to pray over and to return in the month of June to one of the scheduled "listening sessions" in each parish. Our task is to reflect on the challenge of developing or improving our ministry in three important areas: family life, education and formation, and social outreach.

While both parishes share the same pastor, and retired pastoral associate and some parish staff, and while some people actively belong to and participate in both parishes, most of our families belong to and participate in one of the parishes. This discernment process is designed to let each parish develop its own mission for the future. Naturally, there may be some areas where we will choose to partner with each other, but also, I expect there will be some areas where we will not.

In one month, I will complete my third year as pastor of both parishes. I have come to admire the unique history, tradition, and beauty of both churches. The Parish Discernment Process will help us ensure that both St. Brigid Church and St. James Church will continue to be vital, growing and thriving communities serving the people of God for many years to come.

Fr. Gary



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME:

Attention St. Brigid & St. James gardeners! We need your green thumbs!

Gardening is a way of caring for our common home and makes the beauty of God's creation more evident in our lives. At St. James School, the *Green Team* has planted several plots of vegetables, a pollinator garden and has plans for a flower garden on the church property. Jimmy Bell, a school parent, has undertaken the responsibility of keeping these gardens going and would appreciate the help of active and aspiring gardeners over the summer in tending to them. If you love gardening or would like to try your hand at it, please contact Jimmy at jbelle@coupeconstruction.com.

We welcome ideas for both of our church properties and would love to have your input.



As you may know, Habitat for Humanity has been a social outreach for St. Brigid & St. James for many years. In July, 2017 we will once again be collaborating with St. Agnes, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Raphael, & this time with Holy Trinity to build a home for a family who has qualified for this housing. Please watch upcoming bulletins for announcements about Raise the Roof dates, how to volunteer, etc. The letter enclosed in today's bulletin is a Thank You from Habitat for our contribution towards the building of the 2017 home. A like contribution has been given by St. James Church.

A Second Collection for Catholic World Missions will be taken up next weekend, May 27 & 28. This collection funds pastoral and evangelizing programs for the poorest faith communities, here and abroad. Contributions help many ministries and programs. For more information see www.onefamilymission.org.



Don't forget to bring your donations of non-perishable foods next weekend, May 27 & 28! Remember, school will be out for the summer, and there is a greater need for readily available food for those extra appetites in the home.

Thank you!

Reminder that the parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday, and re-open on Tuesday, May 30. Enjoy a safe and happy time with friends and family.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

For more information concerning the arrangements for the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony, please call the parish office at 502-584-5565, ext. 10.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Anytime there is a need, please call the priest. If you are planning on surgery, please make arrangements with the priest **prior** to hospitalization. There are occasional communal anointing services at Sunday Liturgy.

Sacrament of Baptism:

First time parents will be asked to participate in a short preparation program prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated either during a weekend Mass or by appointment. Please call the parish office for further information.

Good News!

May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us orphans. As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation, is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work.

For Reflection

What helps increase my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me? Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

MAY 21, 2017

We are often encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends to Mass, but is it also OK to visit their churches on Sunday?

It is good to invite friends to our Church and share our faith with others. We don't even have to invite or share as a way to convert. We can simply teach others about our Catholic faith. It is especially appropriate at a special celebration, a first Communion, a wedding, or a funeral. You can visit your friends' churches on Sundays or for special occasions in the same vein. It's good to learn about other religions and support our friends in their faith life.

However, as Catholics we also have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday. Going to another church for a Sunday service is not the same as participating in the Mass, so it would not fulfill that Sunday obligation. Additionally, you won't be able to receive Communion in most other churches, just as your friends can't receive Communion in the Catholic Church.

So if you go to another service on a Sunday, make sure you also attend Mass. Many churches may have the same readings or similar rituals, but as Catholics we need to be nourished weekly through the celebration of the Eucharist.

A few churches believe what we believe about the Eucharist, and they will be listed in most missalettes. If you were to attend one of these churches, it would fulfill your Sunday obligation. For more information from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, do an Internet search for *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms of Ecumenism*, and see paragraph 123. It's on the website Vatican.va.

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