



Saint Brigid Church

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 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
Sharon Hollkamp	Business Manager

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, Nov. 20
12 Noon- Spec. Int. of a Parishioner
TUESDAY, Nov. 21
12 Noon-Dorothy Kenney
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22
12 Noon-Bob Niemann



THURSDAY, Nov. 23
10:00 AM-In Thanksgiving
FRIDAY, Nov. 24
12 Noon-Faithful Departed
SATURDAY, Nov. 25
5:00 PM-Fr. Robert J. Fox

SUNDAY, Nov. 26
8:00AM-Theresa Noonan
10:15AM-Theresa Kipp

Sunday Collection Update

July 1, 2017– November 5, 2017
(And Online Giving thru 11/03/17)

	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Short)</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$86,529	\$95,000	(\$8,471)	\$260,000
Loose	\$12,526	\$15,712	(\$3,186)	\$43,000
Total	\$99,055	\$110,712	(\$11,657)	\$303,000

St. Vincent de Paul Donations - \$8,675
St. James School Donations - \$1,085

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

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"...he said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters I will give you great responsibilities.'"

Matthew 25:20-21

The stewards in this parable are expected to invest their time, talents, and treasure according to their master's wishes. God expects a return on the gifts that have been given to us. This return is impossible without investing our energies for the benefit of others.



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Rita Pike Strange who died December 16, 2016. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Book of Remembrance: During the month of November, our Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the front of church, close to the baptismal font. You may write the names of any deceased loved ones in the book, and we will remember them in prayer.



THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues., Nov. 21** - Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, SBC
- Wed. Nov. 22** - Women's Bible Study, 8:30am, SJ Cafe
- A GIFT, 7pm, St. James Church
- Thurs., Nov. 23** - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:30am, SJC
- Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10am, SBC
(Parish Offices closed Nov. 23 & Nov. 24)
- Sat., Nov. 25** - Men's Bible Study, 7:30am, SJC
- Bourbon Baroque, 8pm, SBC
- Sun., Nov. 26** - Bourbon Baroque, 3pm, SBC

BOURBON BAROQUE will again present *Handel's Messiah* at St. Brigid Church on Saturday, November 25 at 8pm & Sunday, November 26 at 3pm. Tickets are \$40/Gen.; \$20/Students; Free for Kids 12 & Under. Tickets are available online at www.bourbonbaroque.com or at the door. If you have not attended this performance before, this is a "must" as we approach the Christmas Season. A perfect way to cap off the Thanksgiving weekend!



NOTE: The Dare to Care barrels will remain out through Thanksgiving weekend. Let's try to fill both barrels! We will **also** collect monetary donations on Thanksgiving Day.

HELP!!! On Friday, **November 24 at 9am**, we will be changing the "Breaking Bread" books in church for the new liturgical year. Earlier starting time due to a busy schedule in the church that day! If you can help with this project, please just show up - the church doors will be open. Thank you in advance!



St. Vincent de Paul "Gifts From the Heart" trees are displayed in the back of church. Please take a heart (or 2!), purchase at least a few of the gift items listed on the heart, and return your purchases **UNWRAPPED** by Wednesday, December 6. Families are counting on you! See bulletin insert for details.



PASTOR'S PEN - A Word From the Heart
of the Highlands.....

This Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Most of us are very familiar with our special rituals for the day which will involve the gathering of family and friends from near and far, the sharing of our common stories, the elaborate preparation of food and drink (with recipes and preparation processes that span generations) and the sharing of time together as an assembled community. Even if watch a bit too much football or eat a bit too much dessert, we leave invigorated by the time together (and the rituals once again shared) and return home blessed.

As you read this, I hope you see the striking parallel to the celebration of Eucharist. In Greek, the word "Eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving." Just like our holiday (which by the way means "holy day") meal, the Eucharist is both a sacrifice and a meal. The Eucharist begins as family and friends gather from near and far and form themselves into an intentional worship community. Our opening hymn together expresses this sentiment. As we read the Scriptures and hear the homily, our common story is told, shared, heard, and absorbed anew. As we prepare the meal, we share the prayers over bread and wine that Jesus Christ shared with his Apostles at the Last Supper. As we received Communion together we partake of the Heavenly Sacrifice as has been our ritual for over 2000 years. When we depart, we receive a blessing reminding us that our time together is sacred and our journey together remains holy. So, in short, every time we celebrate Eucharist it is always Thanksgiving Day (and without the calories!)

I invite you to join us for a special Thanksgiving Day Eucharist with Fr. Joe Voor at 8:30 am at St. James or with me at 10:00 am at St. Brigid. For all of you traveling or anticipating guests traveling to you, may we journey safely and celebrate joyfully together.

On behalf of our entire staff and community at St. Brigid and St. James...have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Fr. Gary



At St. James:

> **Confirmation:** Congratulations to the students who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Kurtz today at the 7pm Mass: Whit Halliday, Ian Johnson, Scheyler Kustes, Reece Martin, Kailey Reed, Kyle Reed, Owen Walsh, Ella Crumpton, Zoe Galvin, Nolan Luther, and Camilla Ogdon.

> **Fun Money Sweepstakes** winner for Friday, November 17 will be announced in next week's bulletin.

> **Poinsettia Sale** - See order forms in the back of church. Orders due by November 30.

> **Bardstown Road Aglow:** Saturday, December 2. St. James Church open from dusk to 10pm. Can you donate cookies? Please drop off at St. James School, or either Rectory by Friday, December 1. Help is also needed at the event. Email or call Debbie at Kopple@twc.com or 931-8511 to volunteer!

> **Brunch with Santa:** Sunday, December 3 from Noon to 2pm, catered by Ramsi's Café. Santa will stop by between Noon - 1:30pm.



Word of Life from Respect Life

Reflection for November 19: "Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative - it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives." *SCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities*
The Respect Life Team will not meet in December; the next meeting will be January 11, 2018 at 6:30 in the Goetz Center. The Team will also be praying a "Rosary for Life" after the 11am Mass at St. James on December 10. There will be a brief Social immediately following, with an opportunity to join The Respect Life Team.

Senior Holiday Luncheon: Please join the Seniors of St. Brigid & St. James (and other guests!) for a Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 12 following the 12Noon Mass. We will have musical entertainment by *The Silver Notes*, and you are asked to bring a side dish to share. See flyers in **next Sunday's** bulletin for details. Meat and drinks will be furnished.



Thanks to all who have already responded to the **Catholic Services Appeal**. To date, St. Brigid has received gifts and pledges totaling \$19,852 - 101% of our goal of \$19,600!

Many Thanks - and Kudos are extended to all the St. Brigid volunteers who keep our parish going! Pastoral & Finance Councils, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Ushers/Greeters, Musicians, Sacristans, St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, Prayer Blanket Ministers, Bereavement Committee, Knights of Columbus - and many more - you are much appreciated!

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. 12.

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!

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Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15; 19-21

The Gospel today encourages good investments! Jesus heaps praise on the good servants who were faithful in small matters and rewarded with the joy of the master. The servant who gets called wicked and lazy is punished, not because he miscalculated a risk but because he feared his master and took no risk at all. He was frozen by the thought that he could lose everything, so he buries the talent and anxiously awaits the master's return. He is wicked not for investing poorly but for not investing at all.

God has given us all so many talents, and he does so for us to enjoy a grand return on investment (ROI). He wants us to use our talents, work them, develop them, and—at the end of our lives—enjoy showing him the way they have multiplied. Like a loving parent, he knows that much of our happiness is in developing and growing those talents with his grace. Those talents are a sign of his call and an invitation to step out in faith.

Parents, your job is to help your children develop their talents and dreams. A confident, enthusiastic, and risk-taking child is a sign of parents who know the balance of loving discipline, positive motivation, and a healthy distance. Children who feel secure in the love of their parents are willing to venture out and invest their talents, for they know someone will always be there to accompany them and catch them if they fall.

Our loving God is the first to know this and so invites us with this parable to trust, invest, and enjoy the returns. —*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

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Dear Padre

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Our daughter and son-in-law graduated from Catholic high schools, but they're not bringing up their children in the Catholic faith....I feel an obligation to the children, but I don't know what to do.

I understand your concern and sadness, but we must always remember that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's religious education. People such as priests, teachers, grandparents, and godparents can help, but they cannot usurp the role of the parents.

If your daughter is truly alienated from the Church or has truly given up her faith in God, then anything you say or do will probably make her angry. In that case, your best approach is one of kindness to her and her family and regular prayer for her and for them.

Often, however, young parents aren't really alienated from God or the Church but have just drifted away. If they decide they should do something about their children's religious training, they often don't know who to contact. If this seems to be the case with your daughter and her husband, gently inform them that you will be glad to help get the children started. Contact your parish priest (or theirs) for the necessary information. This can be a big help to people who have been away from Catholic practice for a long time.

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