



Saint Brigid Church

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 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, July 24
12 Noon-Maurice Wolford, Sr.
TUESDAY, July 25
12 Noon-Mary Rose Messina
WEDNESDAY, July 26
12 Noon- Mary Lee Beam



THURSDAY, July 27
12 Noon-Intention of Parishioners
FRIDAY, July 28
12 Noon-John Hellmann
SATURDAY, July 29
5:00 PM-Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY, July 30
8:00AM-Dorothy Kenney
10:15AM-Maurice Wolford, Sr.

Sunday Collection Update

July 1, 2017- July 9, 2017
(And Online Giving thru 7/7/17)

	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Budget</u> (2017-2018 Budget	<u>Over (Short)</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$10,140			
Loose	\$1,291	has not been approved.)		
Total	\$11,431			

St. Vincent de Paul Donations - \$1,080
St. James School Donations - \$175

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

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"In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought..." Romans 8:26

Stewards recognize it is through prayer that one finds strength in the midst of weakness. Pray then, that the Holy Spirit may inspire our prayer life to seek what is consistent with God's plan for us.



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Charles Guilford & Anna May Kley. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



Remember the Dare to Care Collection during the summer months. Highlands Community Ministries has asked that we add donations of **Soup & Crackers** to our regular canned goods items. These "instant meals" are requested to keep the shelves stocked and meet client need while school is not in session. Thank you for donations received in the past few weeks - good job everyone!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues., July 25 - Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, SBG
Wed., July 26 - Women's Bible Study, 8:30am, SJ Cafe
- Gilda's Club, 5pm, 533 Baxter Ave.
- A GIFT, 7pm, SBG
Thurs., July 27 - K of C Officers Meeting, 7pm, SBG
Fri., July 28 - Beer Garden, 6-10pm, SJR Courtyard
Sat., July 29 - Men's Bible Study, 7:30am, SJC

Thanks to all who participated in a Listening Session for the St. Brigid Discernment Process! The Core Team, consisting of Ken Rosenbaum, Greg Price, Patsy Bourke and Betty Harrison, is now reviewing all input and will report the results to St. Brigid parishioners as soon as possible! Please continue to pray for the Core Team and for a promising future for St. Brigid parish community.



Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

on the "Holy High(lands) 5 House! See the Habitat flyers in the back of church for the latest update. Yay - we have the August 5 build date for St. Brigid filled with volunteers! If you can help with construction of the house on **September 30**, or want to help furnish lunch for the volunteers, call 584-5565, x 10.



Highlands Community Ministries is hosting a "Summer Sampler Tour" of various churches and denominations in the Highlands. A full description of the tour may be found on the yellow flyers in the back of church. The tour schedule concludes with a visit on **Sunday, August 20, to our own St. Brigid at the 8am Mass**. Let us welcome this tour and all visitors to our beautiful church!

Your help is needed in all ministry areas at St. Brigid! Special requests for volunteers: Sacristans for 10:15 Mass on Sunday; Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans for Noon Mass Mon.-Fri. Call Betty at 584-5565, ext. 10.



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

I am excited to announce that our new principal for St. James School is a current member of our faculty, Dr. Jennifer Zimmerman. Dr. Zimmerman has received her principal's certification and her Doctorate in Education and Social Change from Bellarmine University this past May. As our Learning Resource Coordinator last year, she has worked closely with our faculty, our students and their parents. She brings unique talents in this area to this role and she will immediately begin her work with our school and parishes as our new principal.

We were blessed to consider ten applicants for the position, four of whom we selected for interview. The Principal Search team conducted the interviews as well as the screening and reference checks and then recommended Dr. Zimmerman to me. Dr. Zimmerman and I met for an additional time and reached consensus on a contract for this position.

Dr. Zimmerman has been teaching preschool through 12th grade for eight years with additional years of experience in college teaching. She has a strong background in special education and will enhance the way we provide education for our broad range of students including our gifted students. This past year she has assisted with the Community Catholic Center program that refers students from the west end of Louisville to our school. As many of you know, our outreach to Community Catholic Center is an articulated ongoing mission of both of our parishes.

There will be a welcome reception for Dr. Zimmerman immediately following the 11 am Mass at St. James Church on Sunday, July 30. I hope you can attend and meet her.

The parish leadership including the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council continue our ongoing support for the continued growth and development of St. James School. I look forward to the new opportunities for continued growth in excellence as we begin our next school year.

Fr. Gary



St. Brigid Church will host a **Community Flea Market** on Saturday, September 9 in the church parking lot from 8am-2pm. Booths will be available at \$15 each or 2 for \$25. This is a revitalization of the Flea Markets that were held years ago here at St. Brigid. Booth rental is open to the public, and to reserve space(s) please call Carol Oetken at 767-2242.

St. James Beer Garden Summer Series

Music, Food, Beer, Friends & Fun on Friday, July 28 & Friday, August 18 from 6-10pm at the St. James Rectory Courtyard, 1826 Edenside Ave. Bring a chair or blanket. Craft Beer by Lagunitas Brewing. On August 18, music will be provided by Grace and Paul Dell Aquila (*Another Colour*), former parishioners of St. James.



HEALING GOD'S CREATION: THE EARTH

Most if not all of us use energy generated from fossil fuels. We are aware of the air, water and ground pollution that occurs with the use of this energy and how it is contributing to climate change. Many areas across the country and around the world are converting to renewable energy sources including solar, wind and geothermal, but this change will take time as many factors are involved. Over the next few months articles will begin appearing in the bulletin and the parish facebook and website regarding simple things you can do to decrease your use of energy and make a difference in healing the earth.

**From Pope Francis' Encyclical on
Care for our Common Home**

"The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others. That is why the New Zealand bishops asked what the commandment "Thou shall not kill" means when "twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive". (paragraph 95).



It is almost time for St. Joe's Picnic for the Kids! The 168th Annual Picnic will be held Friday, August 11, 5-11pm & Saturday, August 12, Noon-Midnight. Kid friendly attractions; Live music on Friday; new gaming booths; Famous Chicken Dinner; VIP Tent on Saturday! If you can donate a cake for the Cake Booth, call one of the sponsoring bakeries: Bussmann's 893-3822, GiGi's Cupcakes 499-4998, Heitzman's 426-7736, Nord's 634-0931, and Plehn's 896-4438. They will take your order and deliver the cakes for you!

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!

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Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43

One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive.

The artist Ippolito Scarsella—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Imploring Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust, avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment.

The Book of Wisdom praises God, for “he is master of might, but governs with lenience.” The fact is, he would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of his creatures, yet he chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority!

It’s enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity to insure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert.

God gives every grace to those who love him so that we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope.

For Reflection

*Do I more readily imitate God’s judgment, justice, or mercy?
How can I practice all three?*

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

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If I’m late for Mass, can I receive the Eucharist?

There is no hard-and-fast rule on how “late” one can be for Mass and still receive Communion. Holy Communion is offered outside of Mass at times, so theoretically you could come during the Communion rite and still receive Communion.

But there is more to be considered with this question. If you are going to go Mass, you should be there from the beginning to the end. You should be there before the entrance procession begins and you should stay until the last verse of the final song is sung. Things happen, like an unexpected train on the way to Mass or a sick child who needs attention and care. However, if you find yourself always coming late to Mass, you may need to make a change in your routine.

I remember cleaning out a closet of a church I was stationed at, and I found a sign with ropes attached to it. It stated, “Mass has begun, the next Mass begins at...” and there was a place where you could list the time of the next Mass. I was told the ropes were tied across the entrance so you couldn’t come into Mass late.

Those days are gone, though. It’s up to you to follow your conscience. It is important to participate in the entire celebration, but if on the rare occasion you come late to Mass, ask yourself, “*Can I prepare myself to worthily receive Communion at this moment?*” If you can answer “yes” to that question, then I would say it would be OK to receive Communion.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

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