



Saint Brigid Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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, Sept. 18
12 Noon-Homer & Adele Henry
TUESDAY, Sept. 19
12 Noon- Dorothy Kenney
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20
12 Noon- Sr. Ann Bell, O.P.



THURSDAY, Sept. 21
12 Noon-Katie Wolford
FRIDAY, Sept. 22
12 Noon- Karmin Kupper
SATURDAY, Sept. 23
5:00 PM- Tom Schneider

SUNDAY, September 24
8:00AM-Ted Berger, Sr.
10:15AM-Henry Veith, Jr.

Sunday Collection Update

July 1, 2017– September 3, 2017
(And Online Giving thru 9/1/17)

	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Budget</u> (2017-2018 Budget	<u>Over (Short)</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$43,251			
Loose	\$6,304	has not been approved.)		
Total	\$49,555			


St. Vincent de Paul Donations - \$4,506
St. James School Donations - \$605

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

September 17, 2017
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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 Lord’s.” 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.

 **The Sanctuary Lamp** is burning this week for Mary Jane & Hubert Murphy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Habitat for Humanity St. Brigid’s next Work Day on the Habitat House will be **Saturday, September 30**. Sign up now! See flyers in the back of church for instructions - or call Betty at 584-5565, ext. 10. St. Brigid will also furnish lunch for the volunteers that day.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Sept. 17 - New Member Meeting, 12:30pm, SJC
Wed. Sept. 20 - Women’s Bible Study, 8:30am, SJ Cafe
- A GIFT, 7pm, SBG
- Open Hand Kitchen, 4:30pm, SVDP
Sat., Sept. 24 - Men’s Bible Study, 7:30am, SJC
- Development Meeting, 8:30am, SBG

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating 30, 40, 50, 60 & 60+ years of marriage in 2017 are invited, along with their families, to a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, on Sunday, October 22 at the Cathedral of the Assumption at 2pm. Register by calling Betty Harrison at 584-5565, x 10 by October 5, 2017.



Highlands Community Ministries (HCM) is asking for our participation in their quest to help our Highlands Neighbors in need by hosting **Empty Bowls**, on Thursday, October 12 at Bellarmine University’s Frazier Hall, from 5:30-8pm. All proceeds go to help HCM support low income families in our area. See flyers in the back of church for complete details & registration form.

St. Brigid & St. James are accepting donations of any kind of **CHOCOLATE** to make up a basket for the Silent Auction at Empty Bowls. Donations may be brought to the parish office **by October 8**. Thank you!

Special Collections:

> **Hurricane Irma Collection** is being taken up this weekend to specifically support the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands & recovery efforts of Catholic Charities. Checks may be made payable to the Archdiocese of Louisville, Hurricane Irma & mailed to Archdiocese of Louisville, Finance Office, P.O. Box 32433, Lou, KY 40232-2533.

> The **Catholic Higher Education** collection on September 23/24 supports the Catholic University of America as well as Spalding University & Bellarmine University. Please be generous.



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

This Wednesday, we resume our A GIFT (Adults Growing In Faith Together) gatherings. Each Wednesday evening, we gather in the Goetz Center at St. Brigid at 7 pm and meet for an hour and a half. This group includes some long attending Catholics who are interested in continuing to learn more about our faith and also includes adults (over the age of 18) who are either inquiring about possibly becoming Catholic or are intending to become Catholic. In some parishes, this is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.) Our A GIFT meetings are open to any one regardless of whether they are Catholic, Christian, or belong to either of our two parishes.

This is a good time to remind anyone interested of the process for becoming Catholic. This process differs if we are speaking of someone under the age of 18 or under the catechetical age of 10. For someone under the age of 10, one or both of the parents or legal guardians makes the decision for the child to be baptized. For someone 10 and older, the person must make the decision to become Catholic. Once a person is 10 or older, they are baptized, confirmed and receive first Communion at the same time. These two situations involving children occur outside of the A GIFT process and are handled individually by me and one of our deacons.

For persons over the age of 18, we offer A GIFT as the primary means of becoming Catholic. Those unable to regularly attend the Wednesday gatherings will be able to make a separate individual arrangement with me and possibly with one of our deacons. For those who are not yet baptized, the Church envisions celebrating their baptism, confirmation and first Communion at the Easter Vigil liturgy held at St. James. For those who are already baptized, we schedule their confirmation and first Communion on any available Sunday (or Saturday evening.) Once the person is ready, by their admission, to make the profession of faith, they may proceed to confirmation. The Easter Vigil, however, is reserved only for those who are being baptized.

The journey begins with a personal conversation between me and the interested person. I hope this helps those who have questions about how the process works in our two parishes. We think this process is very flexible and we feel confident in our ability to work with a variety of situations.

Fr. Gary



Caring for Our Common Home

The story of creation presents us with a panoramic view of the world. Scripture reveals that “in the beginning”, God intended humanity to cooperate in the preservation and protection of the natural environment. The earth was entrusted to us as a sublime gift and legacy, for which all of us share responsibility. Our human dignity and welfare are deeply connected to our care for the whole of creation. However, the history of the world presents a very different view. It reveals a moral deficit in our attitude and behavior towards creation which blinds us to our calling as the caretakers of God’s creation. We have been alienated from the original purpose of creation by the world’s delicate and balanced ecosystems, our desire to manipulate and control the planet’s limited resources and our greed for limitless profits. We no longer respect nature as a shared gift, but regard it as a private possession.



Source: Excerpts taken from a Statement by Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Sept 1, 2017

St. James School News: Please take a (blue) copy of the “St. James Blue Jays Latest News” in the back of church - an update on recent activities! And don’t forget to buy your Sweepstakes Ticket! Available at church doors today, or through the parish offices or St. James School.



Today at St. James, and last Sunday at St. Brigid, recognition was given to our Altar Servers for their faithfulness to our parishes in serving at Masses. Thank you for your stewardship - you are most appreciated!

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 1 at 2pm in front of St. James Church. This 25-minute service of singing, praying, barking and meowing is usually held on the Sunday nearest the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, whose love of animals is well known. Bring your pets and cameras for this time of prayer and fun. Invite your neighbors and their pets. Questions? Call Phil Hines, 451-1420, x 13.





Senior Luncheon October 17 - Plan on joining us for a yummy lunch of brats & sauerkraut, pumpkin pie and apple cider. Then enjoy a presentation about Ghosts and Haunting by David Domine. As always, the luncheon will follow the Noon Mass at St. Brigid and will be held in the Goetz Center. No charge for the lunch! We ask that you just bring a side dish to share.

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!

September 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sir 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

Often when we think of a judge, we think of severity or cold justice. Courtroom and criminal-justice dramas—even some news coverage of major crimes and scandals—love depicting the offender as receiving his or her just rewards, with the judge or prosecutor smugly reflecting or sighing in relief.

But in the scriptural sense, a judge is much more. A good judge is an educator, teacher, and parent. Good judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law. Their tools are sometimes mercy, sometimes penance, but always prompted by love.

A better image to understand the judge's role is a parent educating his or her child. Sometimes education means letting something slide; sometimes it means holding the child accountable. Both can be expressions of love.

Today's readings caution us against selfish passions that prompt us to judge. One who has been forgiven much but is then harsh with others will be severely punished—or as Sirach puts it, God “remembers their sins in detail.”

Mercy toward others is key to the Gospel message. Some think they are good Christians because they don't steal and haven't killed anyone. They may even be active in their parish but are highly critical of others.

Remember, as Jesus said: “The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you” (Matthew 7:2). And, “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Pope Francis said, “Who am I to judge?” But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1–2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider “more sinful.” That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15–17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

—Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSSR

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