***THE EXALTATION OF***

***THE HOLY CROSS***

***St. Brigid of Ireland September 14, 2025 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Catholic Church***

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Pastor:

Fr. Jeff Gatlin

Rectory:

270-877-2546

Deacon:

Mike Ryan

Office:

270-272-6789

314 E. Main Street 657 St. John Church Rd.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Notify the parish office when a family member is hospitalized.

**BAPTISM:** Contact the parish office for information about the required preparation class.

**BULLETIN:** Submit information in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put “BULLETIN” in the subject line along with the name of the parish it pertains to.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Father Jeff or Deacon Mike at least 6 months prior to the wedding date to complete required marriage preparations and to schedule the date.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Contact Deacon Mike Ryan (270) 877-0546 or (270) 272-6789

Contact the **DEW MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

(St. Brigid Church basement):

Open: Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass & 45 minutes before all other Masses.

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Deacon Mike Ryan: (270) 877-0546

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Saturday (Vigil):*  6:30 p.m.

*Sunday:* 11:00 a.m.

*Tuesday:* 9:00 a.m*. Wednesday:* 6:30 p.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday before Mass from 5:00-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Greg Thompson

*Secretary:* Jan Thomas

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:*  David Yates

*Formation:* Lisa Thomas

*Parish Life:* Doug Updegraff

*Worship:* Sarah Mattingly

**Youth Minister:**

Lori Law: (270) 723-0157

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Sunday:* 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

*Monday:* 9:00 a.m.

*Thursday:* 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sunday before Mass from 2:30 -3:30 or by appt.

**ROSARY:**  After weekday Masses

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President*: Bill Cochran

*Vice-President*: Angie Bragg

*Secretary:* Ken Baker

*At-Large Members:* Jane Alder

Linda Skeeters

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:* To be filled

*Formation:* Tina Yates

*Parish Life:* Angie Bragg

*Worship:* Judy Cochran

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| Sat | Sep 13 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | VIGIL: THE EXALTATION  OF THE HOLY CROSS |
| Sun | Sep 14 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In loving memory  of Don Rogers,  In loving memory of Candace Hicks | THE EXALTATION OF  THE HOLY CROSS |
| Sun | Sep 14 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners  In Loving Memory of Clarence Jenkins | THE EXALTATION OF  THE HOLY CROSS |
| Sun | Sep 14 | 4:00 p.m. | St. Brigid | In loving memory of  JW and Ella Winchester,  Our Parish Family | THE EXALTATION OF  THE HOLY CROSS |
| Mon | Sep 15 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In loving memory of the members from Luise Weisshaupt Family | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Tues | Sep 16 | 9:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | Saints Cornelius, Pope, and  Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs |
| Wed | Sep 17 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | Weekday |
| Thurs | Sep 18 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In loving memory of  Martha Baughman | Weekday |
| Sat | Sep 20 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John | In honor of the  living and deceased members of  Emil and Anna Brangers Family | VIGIL: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | Sep 21 | 9:00 a.m. | St. Brigid | In loving memory of members from the Cecil Family,  In loving memory of the members from Luise Weisshaupt Family | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | Sep 21 | 11:00 a.m. | St. John | For All Parishioners | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | Sep 21 | 4:00 p.m. | St, Brigid | Our Parish Family.  In loving memory  of Leo Padgett | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  ODINARY TIME |

**Stewardship Reflections:**

**“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.: John 3:14-15**

The days of worshiping idols in the desert are not as far away as we might think. Today’s idols are houses, cars, clothes, technology, power, and wealth. To have eternal life, we must believe in Jesus and follow His commandments.

**Our Military List**

To add someone to the military list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461.

MAJ Jordan **Benton**, E6 Jose **Bonilla**, SPC Brenna **Brown**, 2LT Ryan **Cunningham,** Sgt**.** Lance **Etsitty,** Sgt. Luiz **Etsitty,**AD3 Seth **Filburn,** 1Lt Matthew **Fischer**, 1LT Tyler **Hall**, 1LT Olivia **Jerolaman,** 1LT Paul E. **Kotarski**, **A**1C Joseph **Manco**, SFC Peter **Novak**, LTCMDR Erin **Pedersen**, James **Rogers**, Tony **Roger**s, Jonathon **Sifford**, Jeffrey **Slade**, Derek **Smith**, CSM Vance **Snider**, Brian **Tomassi**, A1C Daniel **Trombone**, SGT Evan **Wilson**, WO2 Evan **Vaughan**, SGT Clay M **Wilson**, SS Shelby Nicole **Winchester**, TSGT Jeremy **Yates**, and for all who serve and have served our country.

**St. John and St. Brigid Prayer List**

To add someone to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461.

Sam **Adams**, April **Allen**, Dennis **Arnold,** Joe **Ash**, Shannon **Barnes,** Denise **Barnett**, Timothy **Birch**, Leon **Blair**, Teresa **Blaycock**, Charlie **Bowers**, Everett **Brown,** Jason **Brown**, Joseph **Bryant**. Richard **Bryson**, Carol **Buchanan**, Joe **Buchanan**, Linda **Buchanan,** Ashley **Burnett & Baby Caroline,** Jeremy & Margie **Buyer**, Greg **Byerly**, Glenn **Canaday,** Steve **Carver**, Sue **Caswell**, Bobby **Chism**, Betty Jo **Cooper**, Rose M. **Cooper**, James **Copley,** Denise **Corbett,** Heidi **Correa,** Teresa (Terry) **Cowley,** Jeff **Craig,** Michael **Dalton,** Jerry **Deom**, Judy **Deom,** Tommy **Deom**, Roan **Dowell**, Virginia **Drake**, Danny **Embry**, Julie **Fagan,** Wayne **Garcia**, Dayle **Gilliatt**, Danny **Greenwell**, Carrie **Gribben**, Joe Pat **Hall,** Danny **Hardesty**, N. J. **Hardesty,** Jimmy **Harper**, Cheryl **Hart,** Eileen **Heinen**,Susan **Horton,** Frank **Inanely**, Braddock **Inman**, Eve **Jarboe,** Pasita **Javier,** Paul **Jenkins**, Betty Lou **Jones**, Bob **Jones**, Mark **Kennedy,** Violet **Knoop,** Robert **Krauser**,Mary Colleen **Learned**, Richard **Lee**, Jenny **Leonhardt**, Denzil **Lile,** Jackie **Long**, Lori **Love**, Shelly **Martin**, Martina **Masoni**, Ron **Masoni**, Kay **Matheney**, Don **Mattingly**, Paul Michael **Mattingly**, Kay **McGuire,** Angela **Miles,** Tate **Miller**, Starla **Miller**,Brixten **Muir**,Alexandra **Munn**, David **Murray,** Aira & Zairah **Nixon**, Elaine Ray **Ogletree**, Maggie **Olson,** Theresa **Owens,** Bill **Padgett,** Jim **Padgett,**  Joe **Padgett**, Johnny **Padgett,** Bill **Pawley,** Annie **Pierce,** Wendy **Pike**, Adrianna **Porter**, Jeremy **Porter,** Mary Ray **Portwood,** Ernie and Linda **Pyzocha,** Adrian **Ray**, Jimmy **Ray**, Mary Agnes **Ray**, Rob **Redmond**, Theresa **Riney,** Joel **Rivera**, Betty **Robbins,** Alaina **Rogers,** Les and Linda **Rogers,** Pam Anthony **Roy,** Margaret **Ryan**, Pat and Mary **Ryan**, Russ **Salvia**, Joe **Samu**, Margit **Sanders,** Caroline **Seabee**, Karen **Shaffer,** John **Sheroan**, Erica **Shook**, Brittany **Sines**,Greg **Skeeters,** Karen **Smith,** Magdalena “Maggie” **Smith,** Sheila **Smith,** Greg **Stevens**, Nolan **Stith**, Joe **Thomas**, Norbert **Thompson**, Debi **Turner**, Mary Ann **Vance**, Stacey **Vance**, Stacy **Vessels**, Kathy **Watkins**, Mary **Via**, Elfriede **Wheeler,**  Paul A. **Whelan**, Jan **Wilke**, Jennifer **Williams**, Lucas **Williams**, Gail **Wilson**, Marie **Wirth,** Connor **Wright,** Joe Herman **Yates,** Tony **Yates** and all the sick, both mentally and physically.

**For Both Parishes**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER – September 28, 2025**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drive-thru behind the Knights of Columbus Hall at 312 E. Main Street, Vine Grove, KY. Menu includes chicken quarter, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and roll, and soda. All for the price of $11.00 per meal! Point of Contact is John Pike at 270-307-1499.

**NOTICE OF CLOSURE –** The Catholic Community Center Lobby and Gym will be closed starting September 12th through September 28, 2025, for floor maintenance. This will affect pickle ball players, walkers, and all activities related to the gym.

**PICKLEBALL** – Saint Brigid gym is open for pickleball on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Come, enjoy the physical activity, and have fun at the same time. (See note above.)

**GYM WALKING –** St. Brigid gym is open M-W-F mornings from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. for anyone who would like to come walk. (See note above.)

**GREEN MASS -** You are invited to join Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre as he celebrates the Green Mass which is dedicated to taking care of creation. The Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Raphael Parish in Louisville. Host by the Archdiocesan Creation Care Team, this will be the first Mass in Louisville celebrated under the new Mass for the Care of Creation formulary issued by the Vatican in July.  Following the Mass will be a reception in the school cafeteria.

A group of people in a field

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Did you know that this year marks the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis’ groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si’?* This initiative invites Catholics to rediscover the beauty of God’s creation through prayer, reflection, and action. **On Saturday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m., Common Earth Gardens is excited to be a host site for the Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation at the St. Ignatius and Rangeland Road Community Garden sites.** For more information, contact Amelia, [abaylon@archlou.org](mailto:abaylon@archlou.org).

**2025 Catholic Higher Education Collection** -**September 20-21,2025**

Our parish will take up the annual collection for Catholic higher education. Catholic colleges and universities strive to form students in the spirit of faith and educate them in the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. This collection supports the Catholic University of America as well the two Catholic universities in our Archdiocese – Bellarmine University and Spalding University.

**INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** –

Where: Nazareth Retreat Center, 40 West Drive, Nazareth, Kentucky

When: Thursdays from October 2 through November 6, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Program Fee: $10.00 for 6-week session

Call 502-348-1513 or register at [www.nazarethretreatcenterky.org](http://www.nazarethretreatcenterky.org)

For additional information, please contact Misty Musk at 502-348-1513.

**ROOM IN THE INN** – Our numbers continue to increase each week. We are open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-4 for those who need a warm meal, hot shower and to do laundry. Prayers are definitely needed for these folks, but we are also in need of non-perishable food items. We have a few who can always use food to take with them for the remainder of the week. Please pray for those that we serve and for our volunteers. **Items must be non-perishable**, for example: tuna packets, potted meats, Vienna sausages, breakfast bars etc. And as always donations are accepted and appreciated. You can contact Elaine Geer @270-763-2202 or Saundra Salvia @270-735-3811.

**St. John The Baptist Catholic Church**

**Monthly Budget Amount Needed: $13,854.17**

**Monthly Collection for August: $13,960.47**

**Monthly Collection for September: $ 5,994.14**

**WELCOME PACKETS** – If you would like to become a member, or learn more about St. John Parish, please take a ***Welcome Packet*** in the church lobby. You may return the stewardship form to Father Jeff or place it in the collection basket.

**ROAD TRIP-** Next Road trip will be to St. Augustine in Lebanon for a tour with Fr. Daniel Whelan (Mary Ellen Williams' nephew) and then do lunch.  We will leave St. John parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **September 18**.  Everyone welcome.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** - 9:30-10:45 : St. John Rectory  Every Sunday during RE

Our Women’s Bible Study is a welcoming space to dive into Scripture, share real-life struggles and joys from the week, and grow together in faith. It’s a meaningful time to connect with other women and moms who are seeking encouragement, friendship, and a deeper relationship with God.

**KICK OFF YOUTH GROUP (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL) -** September 28, Noon -2:00PM:

 We’re excited to launch our Youth Group Activities for the season.  Join us for an afternoon filled with food, fun games, awesome prizes, and plenty of laughter. It’s the perfect chance to connect, make new friends, and start the year off strong. Bring a friend (or two!) everyone is welcome!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -** Religious education has begun for the year, but it’s not too late to join us! Come register Sunday morning! Class is from 9:30-10:45 in the Parish Hall.   
  
**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY -**  September 21st is Catechetical Sunday. We acknowledge and pray for all those who serve as catechists in our parish—teaching our children and teens about our Catholic faith. We invite everyone to join us for a special blessing of our catechists at all Masses this weekend. Please keep our catechists and all of our students in your prayers as they begin a new year of faith formation!

**St. John Liturgical Ministers**

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| **VIGIL: THE EXALTATION OF**  **THE HOLY CROSS** | **Saturday, September 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Joanna Sherrard, Becky Thomas,  Lori Shinault |
| Lector | Mary Ellen Williams |
| Gift Bearers | Newton Family |
| Greeter | Theresa Rainey |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** | **Sunday, September 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Martha Thomas, Jennifer Updegraff,  Abby Wright |
| Lector | Gary Brangers |
| Gift Bearers | Tracie Price and Sons |
| Greeter | Jodie Thomas |
| Servers | Riley and Olivia Reesor |
| **VIGIL: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Saturday, September 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rhonda Newton, Mary Ellen Williams  Amy Thomas |
| Lector | Claire Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Carol Goodin and Mary Hall |
| Greeter | Kay Jones |
| Servers | Volunteers |
| **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN**  **ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Libby Brangers, Dennis Thomas  Scott Mattingly |
| Lector | Dennis Thomas |
| Gift Bearers | Rick and Danette Powers |
| Greeter | Tracie Price |
| Servers | Peyton and Kendall Lambert |

**Ushers for September 2025: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Mass – Charlie French, Jonathan French**

**Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass – Dave Peterson, Steve Rogers**

**St. Brigid Catholic Church**

**Monthly Budget Amount Needed: $29,758.33**

**Monthly Collection for August: $25,564.00**

**Monthly Collection for September: $ 16,607.84**

**WELCOME PACKETS** – If you are interested in joining our parish, please pick up a Welcome Packet at the church doors. Complete the registration form and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the office. If you just need to update your registration, there are also forms available.

**REMINDER** – please sign up your child for religious education classes. We are looking forward to a fabulous fun-filled year.

**ST. BRIGID RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY BREAKFAST AND OPEN HOUSE– Sunday, September 21st**,  10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Come share breakfast with fellow RE families, meet your teacher for the coming year, fill out a RE registration form, and visit your classroom so you know where to go the first day of classes on September 28th.

**TRUNK OR TREAT DONATION BOX** - The trunk or treat donation box is out and ready to be filled. Please help us with delicious candy donations for this worthy community ministry. God bless you all. Peace Mike

**CONGRATULATIONS** – to the winners at the Festival!

$5,000.00 Eric Fraley

$3,000.00 Gina Ryan

$ 500.00 Lucas Cochran/Abigail Cochran

$ 500.00 Ryan Barclay

$ 200.00 Gerald Decom

$ 200.00 Doris Rogers

$ 200.00 Janet Cowley

$ 200.00 Tony Taylor

$ 200.00 Jim and Judy Weed

Martha Howard won the beautiful quilt.

Thank you to all the volunteers and parishioners that helped with all the festivities of the festival. We worked hard to achieve a successful gathering for everyone.

**St. Brigid Liturgical Ministers**

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| **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** | **Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Helen Hicks, Angie Bragg,  Bill Cochran, Rosie Cochran |
| Lector | Kathy Dowdell |
| Gift Bearers | Russ Salvia |
| **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** | **Sunday, September 14, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Linda Skeeters, Carolyn Canaday,  Lamar Hardesty, Sue Hardesty |
| Lector | Rebecca Ates |
| Gift Bearers | Kenneth Spangenberger |
| **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jim Klimesh, Saundra Salvia,  E. Jane Vessels, Tina Yates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Lector | Rachel Webb |
| Gift Bearers | James Webb |
| **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  **IN ORDINARY TIME** | **Sunday, September 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m.** |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Ashley Osterhage, Kim Osterhage,  Tim Cooper, Ken Spangenberger |
| Lector | Kathleen Bramlett |
| Gift Bearers | Richard Osterhage |

Responsorial Psalm:

**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**