**1st Sunday of Advent**

 November 29, 2020

**St. John the Baptist**

**Catholic Church**

**St. Brigid**

**Catholic Church**





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

Vine Grove, KY 40175 Elizabethtown, KY 42701

**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:**

Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put “BULLETIN,” and the name of the parish the announcement is for, in the subject line.

**MARRIAGE:**

Contact Father at least 6 months prior to the wedding date to complete required marriage preparations and to schedule the date.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

Contact the Worship Chairperson for information.

**DEW MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

(in St. Brigid Church basement):

Open: Sunday after 9:30 a.m. Mass& 45 minutes before all other Masses.

Clustered Parish Office: Clustered Parish Office:

 (270) 877-2461 (270) 877-2461

Email: brigidvg@bbtel.com

Website: [www.stbrigidvg.org](http://www.stbrigidvg.org) **Dir. of R. Education:**

 Lisa Thomas: (270) 735-6930

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Deacon Mike Ryan: (270) 877-0546 Angela Churchman:

 (270) 268-9963

**Youth Minister:**  Ericka Finlay: (502) 612-2644

Lori Law: (270) 723-0157

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

*Sunday:* 11:30 a.m.

*Wednesday:* 6:30 p.m.

*Friday:* 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday before Mass

 5:30-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Lauran Thomas

*Secretary:* Clarissa Yates

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:*  Nick Thomas

*Formation:* Ericka Finlay

*Parish Life:* Paul Taylor

*Worship:* Greg Thompson

 

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Sunday:* 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

*Monday:* 9:00 a.m.

*Thursday:* 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sunday before Mass

 5:30-6:00 p.m. or by appt.

**ROSARY:**  After weekday Masses

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*President:* Sue Weisshaupt

*Vice-President:* Mike Bramlett

*Secretary:* Judy Cochran

*At-Large Members:* Blake Ryan

 & Jane Alder

**CHAIRPERSONS:**

*Administration:* Dale Winchester

*Formation:* Tina Yates

*Parish Life:* Tom Billings

*Worship:* Keith Baughman



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| **Saturday** | **November 28** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **COMMUNION SERVICE** | **Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent** |
| **Sunday** | **November 29** | **9:30 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Elroy & Don Rogers****Richard & Jack Hughes** | **1st Sunday of Advent** |
| **“** | **“** | **11:30 a.m.** | **St. John** | **For All Parishioners****Bruce & Margaret Lincoln** | **“** |
| **“** | **“** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **COMMUNION SERVICE** |  **“** |
| **Monday**  | **November 30** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **COMMUNION SERVICE** | **St. Andrew, Apostle** |
| **Wednesday** | **December 2** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **Betty Brangers****Shirley Williams** | **Advent Weekday** |
| **Thursday** | **December 3** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Janice P. Bryant &** **Colleen Davis Lynch** | **St. Francis Xavier, Priest** |
| **Friday** | **December 4** | **9:00 a.m.** | **St. John** | **Shirley Williams****Bruce & Margaret Lincoln** | **Advent Weekday** |
| **Saturday** | **December 5** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. John** | **Living & Dec’d Members of****Emil & Anna Brangers Family** | **Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent** |
| **Sunday** | **December 6** | **9:30 a.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Our Parish Family****Mack, Leanna & Billy Cecil** | **2nd Sunday of Advent** |
| **“** | **“** | **11:30 a.m.** | **St. John** | **For All Parishioners****Bruce & Margaret Lincoln** | **“** |
| **“** | **“** | **6:30 p.m.** | **St. Brigid** | **Sandi Crutcher** | **“** |

**For Both Parishes**

**FROM FATHER DAN** – I will self-quarantine from Tuesday, November 24, until Tuesday, December 1. I have to take a COVID-19 test on the 24th to prepare for a regularly scheduled endoscopy on December 1. Please check the bulletin for Mass and Communion Services times.

**TESTIFY** – Wants to invite you to join us throughout the Season of Advent (beginning Nov. 29) for several mini programs. Each Sunday at 9;00 a.m. we will post a brief Advent message followed by a few musical selections that correspond with the message for that Sunday. Visit our Facebook Page - facebook.com/MinistryofTestify to view each video program. These will also be uploaded to our YouTube Channel where you can enjoy them whenever you wish. May God bless you, and keep you healthy and safe, and under His watchful care during the upcoming holidays as we continue to contend with Covid-19.

**NEW MINISTRY** – This week we were made aware of a wonderful organization called *Letters Against Depression.*   This organization coordinates letters being sent to those suffering from mental illness.  If you would like to help provide hope and support for an impacted individual, or if you would like to receive a letter, please check out the website. <http://www.lettersagainst.org/>

**A MINUTE IN THE CHURCH** – Help yourself to this booklet in the church lobby made possible by a generous anonymous donor.

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** – Go to www,faithfulcitizenship.org to see how the U.S. Bishops have applied Catholic social teaching to current policy issues.

**OUR MASS ON THE AIR –** Fr. Dan and Deacon Mike will do regular Sunday Masses at **9:30 a.m.** and will **Live-Stream Mass on the St. Brigid website –** [**www.stbrigidvg.org**](http://www.stbrigidvg.org) We will also post the Mass to the St. Brigid Facebook page on **YouTube at 1:00 p.m.** We would like to thank Gina and Blake Ryan for filming this for us and making the process doable. We are in the process of seeing if we can upload this on a Catholic site called Formed. If you have questions, please call Deacon Mike (270) 877-0546 or (270) 272-6789.

**LIVE MASS AT CHURCH** – We will have the doors open, so people don’t have to touch them. We will be taking temperatures as well. People must sanitize their hands as they come in church. Everyone in the pews must have a mask. The Blood of Christ is suspended for now except for the Deacon and the Priest. Saint John use 7 pews on each side total of 14 pews. The balcony is closed at St. John except for the music ministers. St. Brigid has a total of 10 pews on each side for a total 20. The balcony is closed. Singers are exempt from wearing masks while singing. Fr. Dan and Deacon Mike are exempt from wearing masks as are the servers. Checkers need to be at the Church when the doors open. People will have to understand we are trying to protect everyone. Please let me know your thoughts or suggestions.   Deacon Mike Ryan.

**CIVILIZE IT CAMPAIGN** – seeks to encourage civility in political discourse and political campaigns. As we enter into another major political campaign, the U. S. Bishops have launched [www.civilizeit](http://www.civilizeit).org. There are prayers and practical ideas on how to promote civility, love our neighbors and build community. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square. Let’s model a better way than anger, harsh language and personal attacks. Put your faith into action and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org.

**SENIOR PICKLE BALL** – is now on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in St. Brigid CCC**. Parishioners from St. Brigid and St. John invited to play. Contact Milton Skeeters at (336) 254-9644 for any questions.

**VOCATIONS** – Do you know a young man or woman who might make a great priest, brother or sister? Help the Archdiocese of Louisville Vocations Office connect with them! By submitting names through our Called by Name initiative, you'll help us send potential discerners good information and invitations to discernment events. To participate visit: [www.louisvillevocations.com/called-by-name/](http://www.louisvillevocations.com/called-by-name/)

**CONFIDENTIAL PREGNANCY AND ADOPTION COUNSELING** – is available at Catholic Charities for women of all ages experiencing untimely pregnancies. A full range of services are provided, including adoptive placement, legal assistance and counseling for individuals, groups and families. Post-abortion counseling is also available. Services are provided regardless of income or marital status. For more information, call Catholic Charities at (502) 637-9786.

**PROJECT RACHEL** **–** Healing…Forgiveness…Hope… After the experience of an abortion. If you or someone you know is struggling with the pain from an abortion, please consider Project Rachel – a post abortion ministry. To speak to someone confidentially, email ProjectRachel@archlou.org or call (502) 471-2155.

***Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz***

During segment one of December’s *Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz*, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the Church’s liturgical year with a special emphasis on the season of Advent. In segment two, Archbishop Kurtz welcomes guest Eva Gonzalez, the first Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry, to talk about the new office and her priorities for the future. In segment three, Archbishop Kurtz presents his annual Advent/Christmas message to the people of the Archdiocese.

*Conversations* airs on the Faith Channel (Spectrum channels 19 and digital channel 279) on Tues. at 7 p.m., Wed. at 10 a.m., Fri. at 7 p.m., and Sat. at 4 p.m. It is on radio stations WLCR 1040 AM, Breadbox Media, and WLHN 95.3 FM in Meade County. In addition, *Conversations* can be downloaded for no charge through iTunes. *Conversations* also is available on Bardstown Cable Channel 19 (BRTV) at 7 p.m. on the first two Monday nights of the month and on Bardstown’s PLG TV on Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Conversations is online at [www.archlou.org/conversations](http://www.archlou.org/conversations).

**The Archdiocese on Social Media**

Follow Archbishop Kurtz, the Archdiocese, *The Record*, and other ministries on Twitter:

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Please visit *The Record,* Catholic Charities, and Catholic Schools on Facebook. Search The Record-Archdiocese of Louisville, Catholic Charities of Louisville, and Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

**Catholic Connection Ezine**

Sign up for the *Catholic Connection* and receive monthly updates, inspiration, and information from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Go to [www.archlou.org/connection](http://www.archlou.org/connection) to subscribe.

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

To add someone to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461. **Remember to call to remove someone from the list if they are no longer sick, etc.** *Please note that the prayer list has been revised. It is primarily for parishioners and their immediate family members*.

Sam **Adams**, April **Allen**, Sidney **Anthony**, Dennis **Arnold**, Barbara **Ashley**, Donnie Alan **Atcher**, Shannon **Barnes,** Denise **Barnett**, Sarah **Baumgardner**, Anna Mae **Baumgardner**, Denise **Benton**, Tom **Billings,** Timothy **Birch**, Teresa **Blaycock**, Margaret **Bode**, Charlie **Bowers**, Tonya **Brown**, Ellen **Bryan**, Richard **Bryson**, Carol **Buchanan**, Linda **Buchanan**, Jeremy & Margie **Buyer**, Greg **Byerly**, Glenn **Canaday,** Deacon Bob **Caspar**, Sue **Caswell**, Ed **Cecil**, Cassie **Clark**, John **Connor, Jr.**, Betty Jo **Cooper**, Heidi **Correa**, Janet **Cowley**, George **Cox**, Jeff **Craig**, Christine **Dawson**, Roan **Dowell**, Virginia **Drake**, Kathy **Druin,** Audrey **Durbin**, Marion **French**, Wayne **Garcia**, Carrie **Gribben**, Mary **Hager**, Mrs. Charles **Hair**, Jimmy **Harper**, Cheryl **Hart,** Bobby **Harris**, Eileen **Heinen**, Joe **Hoffman**, Braddock **Inman**, Finn **Johnson**, Betty Lou **Jones**, Mark **Kennedy**, Charlene **Langley**, Jim **Lark**, Mary Colleen **Learned**, Connie **Leasor**, Olivia **Leasor**, Jenny **Leonhardt**, Ray **Lickert**, Denzil **Lile**, Jackie **Long**, Jane **Lucas**, Louise **Lucous**, Alma **Mahanna**, Evelyn **Marski**, Shelly **Martin**, Shirley **Martin**, Martina **Masoni**, Don **Mattingly**, Gerard **Mattingly**, Paul Michael **Mattingly**, Danielle **McCamish**, Mary **Medley,** Tate **Miller**, Starla **Miller**, Brixten **Muir**, Doug **Osborne**, Duane **Osborne**, Sonya **Owens**, Mickey **Padgett**, Frank **Inanely**, Joyce **Patton**, Marty & Rudy **Petrovic**, Annie **Pierce**, Adrianna **Porter**, Jeremy **Porter**, Adrian **Ray**, Mary Agnes **Ray**, Mary Ellen **Ray**, Radine **Ray**, Tonya **Reisinger**, Joel **Rivera**, Suzanne **Russell**, Caroline **Seabee**, Karen **Shaffer,** Erika **Shook**, Sheila **Smith**, Floyd & Mary Rose **Stevens**, Keith **Tassin**, Bobby **Thomas**, Dan **Thomas**, Joey **Thomas,** Kenny **Thompson**, Raffaella **Tucker**, Debi **Turner**, Stacey **Vance**, Tenley **Ward**, Lois **Weaver**, DeNeil **Whelan**, Irene **Whelan**, Paul A. **Whelan**, Jennifer **Williams**, Lee **Willow**, Elizabeth Ann **Wiseman**, Sandy **Wiseman**, Zach **Wiseman**, Gail **Wilson**, Mike **Wirch**, Don **Wooldridge**, Connor **Wright**, and all the sick, both mentally and physically.

**OUR MILITARY List**

To add someone to the military list, please call the parish office at (270) 877-2461. **Remember to call to remove someone from the list if they are no longer in the service**.

A1C Aaron **Chandler**, SGT John M. **Fleming,** SGT Tyler **Hall**, A1C Ryan **Henley**, Jarrod **Hood**, A1C Joseph **Manco**, SPC Jacob L. **Nall**, SFC Peter **Novak**, Tony **Rickerl**, James **Rogers**, Tony **Roger**s, Jonathon **Sifford**, Jeffrey **Slade**, Derek **Smith**, CSM Vance **Snider**, Brian **Tomassi**, A1C Daniel **Trombone**, SGT Evan **Wilson**, SSG Evan **Vaughan**, PFC William **Vaughan**, Mike **Veri**, Lisa **Veri**, LTC Steve **Wickersham**, SGT Clay M **Wilson**, SS Shelby Nicole **Winchester**, TSGT Jeremy **Yates**, Austin **Zulka** and for all who serve and have served our country.

**St. John The Baptist catholic church**

**Monthly Budget Amount Needed:** $ 12,500.00

**Monthly Collection for October:** $ 11,157.00

**Monthly Collection for November:** $ 10,064.00

**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 census card and the stewardship form to Father Dan or place in the collection basket.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** – **This HOLY DAY MASS will be on Tuesday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m.** The Wednesday Mass at 6:30 p.m. on December 9 is CANCELLED.

**FOOD DONATIONS** – Tori Geer, a Confirmation student, will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Knights of Columbus Fr. Diemert Council Christmas basket program again this year.  There will be a box in the vestibule of the church for donations beginning this weekend and ending December 13.

**MASS INTENTIONS** – are needed. They may be for someone either living or deceased.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** – We have donated $15,800 (74% of our goal) with 58 families (72% of our goal) participating. Please respond promptly and generously to Archbishop Kurtz’s letter. Our parish financial goal is $21,400 and our participation goal in 81 families. Extra donation forms are available in the church lobby and at the parish office.

**ST. JOHN RADIO** – We now have in place an FM transmitter channel, 92.1, that will allow you to hear Mass in your car in the parking lot, if necessary. Communion can be distributed after Mass for those in attendance.

**TITHING ENVELOPES –** Rick Newton put a mail slot in the Youth Ministry house door. St. John parishioners may drop their tithing envelopes off in the mail slot or mail them to Saint Brigid Parish, 314 East Main Street, Vine Grove, KY 40175. Please mark under address St. John.

**ONE CALL UPDATE** – If you are not receiving any messages via the One Call System and would like to be added, please contact Lisa Thomas, glalt@comcast.net or (270) 735-6930 or Clarissa Yates at (270) 766-7821 or cpyates@comcast.net.

**ROOM IN THE INN** – I have been contacted recently asking for help again this year from St. John Church with the *Room in the Inn* program this year.  Despite COVID, this program is set to help the homeless beginning December 1. St. John has been asked if we can provide staff and food for Sunday nights for the months of December, January and February.  You may have read the article in the News Enterprise, that the city of Elizabethtown, is providing a central location at the recently vacated Fire Station #2 in Elizabethtown.  We need 2 men and 2 women willing to spend the night and a few other volunteers to help provide snacks and drinks as well as some entertainment for the guest.  With many restrictions in place, food and drinks must be served and cannot be left sitting out for people to serve themselves.  If you would be willing to help in any way, volunteering, donating food, donating snacks, donating prizes for games we play, please call or text Elaine Geer at (270) 763-2202.

**NEWSLETTER** – Hope you have enjoyed the first two editions of the newsletter.  If you have any news to contribute, please contact Greg Thompson at (270) 723-9245 or email gregthompson1963@yahoo.com. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please let the church office know.

**COOKBOOK** – St. John Cookbook ”Taste *and See*” has arrived and is available for purchase for $12.  Copies are available in the back of church. Please make checks payable to St. John and put in the envelope.  If you want multiple copies, please let a member of the Women’s group know or email Cathy Yates at cathysyates@gmail.com.  They will make great Christmas presents!  A big thank you to the Cookbook committee: Cathy Yates, Cindy McLain, Gail Pike, and Jackie Veri for undertaking this project. Call Jackie after 5.00 p.m. at (507) 402-1608 to order.  Also available at the 6.30 p.m. Sunday Mass.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – All RE classes for the remainder of the year are cancelled for the safety and well-being of our Catechists and students.  Classes will resume on January 3.  We are preparing materials that will be distributed to all RE families to provide for home reflection and study during the Advent Season.  In this time of uncertainty in the world with so many of our lives disrupted due to Covid, may we embrace the Season of Advent in our homes ever more joyfully this year with great anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and in our everyday lives.

**CONFIRMATION** – Please continue your studies weekly in your books, Elaine has provided what lessons should be covered during our time out of class.  Additionally, continue to look for ways that you can provide service to your community, church and family during this season of giving.  Ideas for some projects will be provided as well.  Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as well:  Lillie Compton, Tori Geer, Beau Downs, Catherine Updegraff, Jacob Sullivan, Waylon Padgett, Kennedy Taylor, Lily Jones, Rilee Leasor, Olivia Leasor, Jordan Price, Drew Thomas, Audra Disselkamp, Jose Resto-Santos, Averie Richardson.  We wish all our RE Families a Blessed Thanksgiving focusing not on what we are missing this year but the blessings that we have been given.

**St. Brigid catholic church**

**Monthly Budget Amount Needed:** $ 25,280.00

**Monthly Collection for October:** $ 20,687.00

**Monthly Collection for November:** $ 22,869.15

**WELCOME VISITORS** – 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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** – **This HOLY DAY MASS will be on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.** The Monday Mass at 9:00 a.m. on December 7 is CANCELLED.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** – We have donated $33,500 (91% of our goal) with 88 families (76% of our goal) participating. Please respond promptly and generously to Archbishop Kurtz’s letter. Our parish financial goal is $37,000 and our participation goal in 116 families. Extra donation forms are available in the church lobby and at the parish office.

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIVE TEAM** – We are getting a team together! The actual relay walk isn’t until September 2021. But that doesn’t mean we can’t get the team together and start honoring those who had/have cancer and educate the rest of us on how to prevent it. Maybe even have a Memory Mass? Or a tea for those who are sick and their caregivers? Call Jackie Veri after 5:00 p.m. at (507) 402-1608 to discuss. She is also available at the 6:30 p.m. Sunday Mass.

**FALL EVENT TICKETS** – We have moved the Fall Event to **January 24, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** We have 70 tickets, and we need to sell 1.2 ticket per day to meet our goal. We have 57 days until the drawing.

**FAITHGIVING** – **High School Youth!** You have heard of Thanksgiving and the popular Friendsgiving, now you get the chance to celebrate Faithgiving! All youth are invited to join me in the CCC from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on Sunday, November 22, to pray, reflect, enjoy a Faithgiving game and, of course, eat. During this class we will reflect on our faith journey we have taken so far and the people who walked with us, and what is next for us. If you haven’t joined RE class yet this year, this is a great class to start with! All are welcome. Please text a quick RSVP to 270-723-0157 so I can plan properly. I hope to see everyone on the November 22! Thankful for All of You, Lori.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – The next drive will be held on **Friday, December 4,** **from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the CCC building.** Give the gift of life!! This is more rewarding than what else you have to do today!!

**SAINT BRIGID ROCK STARS** – Last Sunday when I asked for help with the new Breaking Bread Books, boy did I get help from Billy & Rosie Cochran, Sue & Molly Weisshaupt, Angie Bragg, John Wiseman, Rod Alder, Donna & Matthew Hughes, Terri Pendleton and Blake Ryan. These wonderful folks took the old books out of the pews and took them to the dumpster and put the new books in the pews. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! I also want to thank all those who volunteered to come on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS** –

**November 29** –

 9:30 a.m. Bill & Rosie Cochran

 6:30 p.m. Mike & Stephanie Hall

**December 06** –

 9:30 a.m. Alison Dupont

 Helen Hicks

 6:30 p.m. Ron Masoni

 Kim Osterhage

**December 07** –

 Volunteers in attendance

**December 13** –

 9:30 a.m. Alison Dupont

 Helen Hicks

 8:30 p.m. Tim & Tiffanie Cooper

**LECTORS** –

**November 29** –

 9:30 a.m. Rachel Webb

 6:30 p.m. Rebecca Ates

**December 06** –

 9:30 a.m. Kathy White

 6:30 p.m. Kathleen Bramlett

**December 07** –

 Rose Cooper

**PRAYERS**

Prayer we can say while we are not having Mass or the Eucharist. God bless you all. The Archdiocese web address is http;//www.archlou,org/

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are presence in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were really there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN

**REFLECTIONS**

*“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”* Matthew 24:42

One of the key themes of the Advent season is readiness. If God were to ask at this moment, could you provide an accounting of how you used the gifts that God has entrusted to you?