

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We invite you to join us in worship

NOTE: If there is a Funeral, weekday Mass is canceled.

	SAINT BRIGID		ASSUMPTION		BLESSED SACRAMENT
MON, July 26 <i>Saint Joachim and Saint Anne</i>	6:45a	Mass OR Scripture & Communion	8:00a	Word & Communion	_____
TUE, July 27	6:45a 8:30a	Scripture & Communion Mass	8:00a	Mass	8:30a Word & Communion
WED, July 28	6:45a 8:30a 6:30p	Scripture & Communion Mass Evening Prayer	8:00a	Mass	_____
THU, July 29 <i>Saint Martha</i>	6:45 12:05p	Scripture & Communion Mass	8:00a	Mass	8:30a Mass
FRI, July 30 <i>Saint Peter Chrysologus</i>	6:45a 8:30a	Scripture & Communion Mass	8:00a	Mass	_____
SAT, July 31	2:00p	Wedding: Napoli and Cronkright	4:30p	Mass	8:30a Rosary 12:00p Individual Reconciliation 2:00p Wedding: Staci Washington and Christopher Roberson 5:00p Mass
SUN, Aug 1 <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00a 11:30a 5:30p	Mass Mass Mass	9:30a	Mass	8:30a Mass 11:00a Mass

Next Week's Scripture...

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life!

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

TREASURE

Regular Offertory
Children's Offertory

\$12,486
\$77.60

	TARGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
JULY 18, 2010	\$14,288	\$12,564	(\$1,724)
Year to Date	\$42,864	\$34,668	(\$8,196)

The Serra Club of Saginaw, part of a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invite you to pray the Rosary for vocations and the following Serran prayer for vocations. There are currently nine men studying for the priesthood for the Saginaw Diocese and 12 priests have been ordained in the last four years. These men, and all the priests in our diocese, need our prayers to support them in their vocation and for an increase in their numbers.

Serran Prayer For Vocations

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live; Grant, we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY 1:30 P.M. Legion of Mary
TUESDAY 1:30 P.M. Bible Study
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. K of C Assembly
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

Positions available for fall, 2010
Saint Brigid Catholic School

The Saint Brigid School After School Program is licensed by the State of Michigan. We are currently seeking individuals who will carry on the strong tradition of excellence Saint Brigid School has come to be known for.

After School Care Program Director: Applicant should be energetic, organized and enjoy working with children. Must be at least 21 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED with a minimum of 6 semester hours in a child related field with 1 ½ years of experience working with children, first aid and CPR training. Position is 25 hours per week during the school year.

Playground supervisor: Saint Brigid School is in need of a playground supervisor. This person will work with another adult to supervise children in gr. K-8 on a daily basis. Must be willing to be outside during the winter months. The work schedule is 11:00-12:30 Monday-Friday during the school year.

For all of the above positions, candidate must attend VIRTUS, *Protecting God's Children*, and pass a background check.

Interested candidates, please submit a current resume, a letter of intent and professional references to Mrs. Maureen Becker, Saint Brigid Catholic School, 130 W. Larkin, Midland, MI 48640 or send via e-mail to mbecker@stbrigid-midland.org. Application deadline is July 30, 2010.

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your kindness and prayers please remember Cecil DuFort who was given a Christian burial this past week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. May his family and friends experience God's consoling presence during this time of loss.

A Message from Deacon Al...

This weekend we welcome Fr. Barnabas Gorski to Saint Brigid Parish. Father Gorski will be speaking to us about the Franciscan home and foreign missions. Father Gorski himself, has been serving as a missionary in Morocco. A special collection for the Franciscan missions will be taken up after Holy Communion at all Masses today. We ask you to give Father Gorski a hearty "Saint Brigid welcome" and to be as generous as you can to support the Franciscan missionary activities. If you did not come prepared to contribute today, you may do next week by placing your contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Mission Collection."

Jesus taught best by His example... and in today's Gospel, He teaches His disciples and us how to pray. The disciples observed Jesus in prayer, completely immersed in the Father's love as He fervently prayed. The disciples were intrigued by this, so they asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples to pray." Jesus answered the request of the disciples, giving them a model prayer... the perfect way to pray. Jesus taught them to pray the Lord's Prayer and then reinforced it with a parable and urged His disciples to be persistent in their prayer. The question for us is... do we know the way of prayer? Do we pray as we should... or is there something holding us back? The way of prayer is not always practiced upon our knees... but it is practiced best with the understanding that we are totally dependent on God and have nowhere else to go... and that God is sure to answer. There are a number of hang-ups that might hinder us from praying as we should: thinking that we are not good enough to call on God... or that God is busy with more important things... or that we can make it on our own... or that we ask once and expect it to happen. But our prayer should be humble and persistent, and above all, confident that God hears and answers all prayer. We pray for the kingdom of God to come... For justice and mercy in every nation... For daily bread for ourselves and the hungry around the world For healing for the sick... For peace... For the oppressed... For our children to be whole and happy... For our work to be pleasing to God and to us. So... the best advice is: Speak often with God... about those things upon your hearts... and God will speak with you and answer your prayer.

A word about our hospital ministry... We have a number of ministers covering patients at MidMichigan Medical Center throughout the week. If you have a family member or friend in the hospital, we would appreciate a call to the Parish office advising us of that fact. Often, because of privacy regulations or other circumstances, we are not aware that a particular patient is hospitalized. Also, if a family member is seriously ill, we would like to offer them the healing ministry of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament of healing is no longer considered the "last rites" but rather a prayer to bring healing, peace and consolation to the sick person. We are glad to offer the Sacrament of Anointing to anyone who is hospitalized or is contemplating surgery in the future. In the case of a seriously ill person, please don't wait until the last minute and risk depriving them of the spiritual and physical healing effects of the Sacrament. As we do each year, the Midland Cluster Parishes will be offering a Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church.

Our building project continues to progress, focusing on September 8th, the first day of school for Saint Brigid students. We are confident that classroom space will be ready and available by that date. The new kitchen, parish hall and gymnasium facilities will be phased in between now and the end of the year, at which time we hope the entire project will be finished. Our new building will evidence the continuation of the Catholic Faith in downtown Midland for many years to come. We sincerely appreciate all the support we are receiving from

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parishioners, school parents, and the general Midland community. We are making our mark in the name of Jesus Christ that will take the Saint Brigid Parish community well into the future. Please continue your prayerful and financial support for this project.

Last weekend and again this weekend, we are pleased to welcome Father D. Sheehan and his missionary group to Saint Brigid Parish. They are in Midland for the Knights of Saint John International Convention that is being held at the Valley Plaza Resort. Father Sheehan and his companions are Missionaries of Africa working in the country of Ghana.

May God bless you abundantly... Deacon Al

SCHOOL

SCRIP NEWS: Continuing through the summer months, SCRIP will be sold following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Registration continues through the summer at Saint Brigid Catholic School for the school year 2010-2011. If you are interested in more information or registration, please contact Mrs. Becker at 989-835-9481 ext. 49 or mbecker@stbrigid-midland.org or visit our website at www.stbrigid-midland.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Saint Brigid Catholic School annual Auction Gala will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2010. The Gala will take place this year at the Midland Country Club.

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Coffee and Doughnuts with a Twist will begin again in the Fall. Don't know what Coffee and Doughnuts with a Twist is all about? Contact Anne Marie amgraham@stbrigid-midland.org

Question of the Week

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adults: Do I have confidence that God hears me when I knock on his door?

Children: Prayer is talking to God and listening to God in our hearts so...Do I talk to God and do I really listen to what God says to me?

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There will be an informational meeting for any adults wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the next year and for the parents of all children Grade 2 and above who wish their children to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation on Sunday, September 19th at 10:15 a.m.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP WHAT I GAVE TO GOD

- Helped take care of baby sister.
- Set the table.
- Helped Mommy weigh fruit & vegetables.
- Helped Dad water the plants.
- Brought the trash can in.

Mid-Michigan Voice of the Faithful will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, in the multi-purpose room of Assumption Church in Midland. For further information, call 513-1634, e-mail jwschoren@yahoo.com or visit VOTF.org.