



Saint Brigid Church

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First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

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
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.

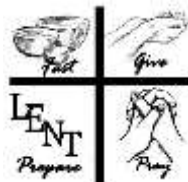
The Parish of St. Brigid, in the Original Highlands, seeks to:

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, Feb. 19
12 Noon-Giles Zaepfel
TUESDAY, Feb. 20
12 Noon-Harriet Mary Joseph Clements
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21
12 Noon-Martha Erny



THURSDAY, Feb. 22
12 Noon-Sam Eury
FRIDAY, Feb. 23
12 Noon-Dorothy Kenney
SATURDAY, Feb. 24
5:00 PM-Julia Dean Hite

SUNDAY, Feb. 25
8:00AM-William Crossfield
10:15AM-Mary Jane Thieman

Sunday Collection Update

July 1, 2017– February 4, 2018
(And Online Giving thru 02/02/18)

	<u>Actual</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Short)</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$155,248	\$160,000	(\$4,752)	\$260,000
Loose	\$22,877	\$26,461	(\$3,584)	\$43,000
Total	\$178,125	\$186,461	(\$8,336)	\$303,000

St. Vincent de Paul Donations - \$14,953
St. James School Donations - \$1,610

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

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"...he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited.."

1 Peter 3:19-20

Regardless of whether one has been a good steward of gifts in the past, it is never too late to begin sharing with a generous heart. Decide how you will use your blessings of time, talent, and treasure in service to God, the source of all blessings. Begin small if necessary, but begin!



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Mary Rose Messina, who died April 5, 2017. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Fish Fries have started! Remaining dates are Fridays: February 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23 in St. James School Auditorium. Fish and lots of yummy sides including desserts will be served from 5-8pm. To volunteer call Cindy Dumas at 295-7713, or just come & enjoy!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues., Feb. 20 - Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, SBC
Wed., Feb. 21 - Women's Bible Study, 8:30am, SJ Café
- Stations of the Cross, 12:30pm, SBC
- A GIFT, 7pm, SBG
Fri., Feb. 23 - Stations of the Cross, 2pm, SJC
- Fish Fry, 5-8pm, SJS
Sat., Feb. 24 - Men's Bible Study, 7:30am, SJ Café
Sat., Feb. 24 & Sun., Feb. 25 - DARE TO CARE
Sun., Feb. 25 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am-1pm, SBG

Lenten Calendars are available on the tables in the back of church. The calendars include a listing of services during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. Please take one!



Word of Life from Respect Life



"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities;

"A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift.

The Respect Life Team meets the second Thursday of each month in the Goetz Center at 6:30pm.

The Knights of Columbus Council of St. Brigid & St. James will host a Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, February 25, in the Goetz Center from 8:30am-1pm. Pancakes, sausage, fruit and drinks will be served. Breakfast is free, but donations are gladly accepted to help defray expenses. Hope to see you then - bring the family!



DON'T FORGET CANNED GOODS & OTHER NON-PERISHABLES FOR DARE TO CARE NEXT WEEKEND!



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

This weekend the Archdiocese will celebrate The Rite of Election of the Catechumens on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. On the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, the adults who are formally preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are invited to be greeted by Archbishop Kurtz as they enter the final weeks of their preparation.

Adults become catechumens at the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate (which we celebrated several weeks ago at St. Brigid Church.) During that ritual, our inquirer, Gary Miller, became a catechumen by making a public declaration to prepare formally and seriously for initiation into the Church at Easter. During this ritual, he received "the sign of the Cross" from Cheryl, his wife and sponsor, and became a member of St. Brigid parish. This Sunday, Gary will be "sent" by St. Brigid Church to the Rite of Election this weekend at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

This Saturday and Sunday, the catechumens, particularly Gary, will become the Elect—and receive the blessing of the Archbishop in person. During this ritual, they will also see that adults from almost every parish of the Archdiocese are on the same journey as they are and will have a glimpse of the larger universal Church they are joining through Baptism.

In this ceremony, the adults already baptized but being received into the Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist will also participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion. This recognition makes clear that they are already united with us by virtue of their Baptism but will become one with us in the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. In our two parishes, the adults in "continuing conversion" are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist at their own pace and join us "when they are ready" unlike the catechumens who join us at the Easter Vigil.

During this Lent, we all have the opportunity to join with the catechumens (soon the Elect) and the candidates as they continue their journey. At Easter, we renew our own baptismal promises, so our Lenten journey is both one of solidarity with them and a call to our own continuing conversion. This "two-fold" purpose of Lent—prayer and solidarity with the Elect and the candidates and our own continuing conversion—is accomplished through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as well as the disciplines of abstinence and penance. daily for our Elect and our candidates as they pray daily for themselves and us.

Fr. Gary



September 23, 2018 St. Brigid Parish will celebrate its 145th Anniversary! There will also be an All-Class Reunion of St. Brigid School that same day. Archbishop Kurtz will be the celebrant at our 10:15am Mass and a reception will follow. **We need volunteers to help plan these events, as well as ideas for what to serve as refreshments at the reception.** Please contact Betty to offer your help: 584-5565, ext. 10!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Brigid, following the Noon Mass on all Wednesdays during Lent, and at St. James at 2pm on all Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday). A meaningful service to help us focus on the true meaning of Lent.



Please see the flyer/order form in today's bulletin for the St. James PTO Easter Flower Sale. The purchase of these flowers helps ensure that our churches are decorated with flowers during the Easter season, and is also a fundraiser for the St. James PTO.

St. James & St. Brigid Senior Ministry

Join us for a Movie Matinee on
Wednesday, February 21,
1 PM, Goetz Hall at St. Brigid
for a post-Olympic showing of



Cool Runnings

Four Jamaican bobsledders dream of competing in the Winter Olympics, despite never having seen snow. With the help of a disgraced former champion desperate to redeem himself, the Jamaicans set out to become worthy of Olympic selection, and go all out for glory.

Join with other seniors for popcorn, soda, & a fun, free movie to help chase away the wintertime blues!

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!

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Like Noah being prepared to navigate the Flood, so the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. Why was he sent there? Did he need to learn something he didn't know? Did he lack something he needed? Jesus as God didn't lack anything, of course, but he needed time to pray, reflect, and prepare for his mission. He also wanted to set an example to follow. Another Scripture says he went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. That time of spiritual combat was helpful for him.

We also need to go through trials and crises to grow both in our spiritual lives and human maturity. We each have had our desert where we are challenged to our core and stretched beyond our limits. Perhaps it was a crisis such as a health, employment, or relational issue. But it doesn't always have to be such a dramatic event. It can be as simple and constant as the prolonged embracing of daily challenges in a manner that leads to life. We probably look back and see these as some of our best times—if we truly encountered ourselves and our Lord.

The key is in peaceful acceptance, looking for what good can be learned from these inconveniences. In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God's presence and victory. It tells us that clouds and storms will not lead to total death, but rather to a purified rebirth, growth, and newfound life and strength. He has promised us this.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

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Why won't the priest hear my confession right before Mass?

Theoretically, any time is a good time for penitents to reconcile and renew their relationship with the Lord! In practice, the priest's refusal to hear your confession immediately before presiding at Mass may be as much for your benefit as his. In his preoccupation with last-minute details of leading the assembly, he may think: "*How can I be more attentive to this individual and to a worthy celebration of the sacrament of penance without delaying Mass?*" He might also be reacting to a penitent's mechanical understanding of the sacrament that fosters a scrupulous practice of devotional confessions—that is, confessing only minor sins in preparation for Communion.

Anyone who is conscious of serious sin is not to "receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess" (*Code of Canon Law*, 916). In this case, the person makes a sincere act of contrition, including a resolution to confess as soon as possible. "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1395). Nevertheless, "the Eucharist strengthens our charity...and this living charity wipes away venial sins [and] the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins" (CCC 1394–95).

Catholics in a state of grace show respect for the dignity of the Eucharist, but trying to confess grave sins to a priest right before Mass may lessen the dignity given to one sacrament over another if the celebration of the sacrament of penance is rushed or the celebration of Mass begins late. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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