

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, Mar 8 <i>Saint John of God</i>	6:45a Mass OR Scripture & Communion	8:00a Word & Communion	_____
TUE, Mar 9 <i>Saint Frances of Rome</i>	6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass	8:00a Mass 12:00n Reconciliation	8:30a Mass 6:30p Our Mother of Perpetual Help
WED, Mar 10	6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass 6:30p Evening Prayer	8:00a Mass	10:00a Mass at Stratford 7:00p Evening Prayer
THU, Mar 11	6:45a Scripture & Communion 12:05p Mass	8:00a Mass 7:00p Reconciliation	8:30a Mass w/School Children 7:00p Individual Reconciliation
FRI, Mar 12	6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass w/School Children 7:00p Stations of the Cross	8:00a Mass 7:00p Stations of the Cross (followed by Reconciliation)	7:00p Stations of the Cross
SAT, Mar 13	9:00a Individual Reconciliation	3:00p Individual Reconciliation 4:30p Mass	8:30a Rosary 5:00p Mass
SUN, Mar 14 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00a Mass 11:30a Mass 5:30p Mass	9:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 11:00a Mass

Next Week's Scripture...

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a,10-12
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life!

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

TREASURE

Regular Offertory
Children's Offertory

\$15,906
\$82.68

	TARGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
FEB 28, 2010	\$14,305	\$15,989	\$1,684
Year to Date	\$500,676	\$492,556	(\$8,120)

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

WHAT I GAVE TO GOD

- Took care of dishes and gave Seth a bath.
- Helped my friend with work.
- Helped my Mom.
- Share my gum.
- Put all of my piggy bank money in the rice bowl.
- Listened to my Mom.
- Shared with sister and brother,

Next Fish Dinners: March 12th, 19th & 26th

Soup and Substance on Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

Please join us and listen to Fr. Nick
The Penitent Church in Lent

Fair Trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa and olive oil available next Sunday, March 14, between the morning Masses. Call Gretchen at 689-3099 to leave an order or question.

Catholic Relief Services: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. This collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY	1:30 P.M.	Legion of Mary
TUESDAY	1:00 P.M.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	6:30 P.M.	Parish Choir
THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.	Boy Scouts

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION: Due to a low volume of pre-event ticket sales, the Knights of Columbus and the Parish Social Committee have cancelled St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance that was scheduled for Saturday, March 13. Thanks to parishioners who have already purchased tickets. Your contributions will be refunded by mail within the month.

Basketball Slam Week 3: Again *Thank you* to all who are selling tickets to make the dream of a new St. Brigid Parish addition come true. If possible try to return all stubs and money in the collection next Sunday. Additional tickets are available in the Parish and School offices. Remember if you try, someone just might buy. Volunteers are still needed with fundraising ideas, and a willingness to work. Please contact the Parish Office.

Are you a Saint Brigid Catholic School Alumni? Become a member of the newly forming Saint Brigid Alumni Association! The 90th anniversary of our school is coming up in 2012. Register so we can inform you of the events! Join the 100 people who have already registered. Complete the flier in today's bulletin and return it to the address on the back OR go to www.stbrigidalumni.com to register. Do you know someone who is an alumnus? Pass the word along. Saint Brigid Alumni – together in faith, fellowship and service.

The *Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women* will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese at the Center for Ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Saturday, March 13. The day's activities start at 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. The cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, Mass and Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Cindy Thompson (989-792-1369) or Rita Maher (989-635-7072) by **March 8**. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone that cannot attend a full weekend retreat to focus on their spiritual enrichment during Lent.

A Message from Deacon Al...

In today's Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself to the Samaritan woman as being the "living water" that will quench our thirst all the way into eternal life. Fetching water from the well was a tiring chore for the Samaritan woman, because every day she had to go to the well and haul many gallons up from the well and lug them to her house. So when she met Jesus, it's no wonder that she begged Him for His abundant water! Although she didn't comprehend what Jesus was talking about, she knew that she was always tired and thirsty and somehow, she felt that Jesus was telling the truth. Of course, Jesus wasn't talking about physical water... but about the Holy Spirit and the life, joy and power that He gives to everyone who welcomes Him into their hearts. Jesus brings life to satisfy our emptiness... joy to wash away our sorrows and disappointments... and power to give us the energy, wisdom and desire to do what God asks. This is the "**water welling up to eternal life**" that Jesus promises to all of us. The Season of Lent is a time of special grace in the Church year that enables us to drink more and more of this living water that Jesus offers us. We ask Him to quench our thirst, give us rest, and fill our emptiness with the grace of His presence and power.

Our Faith-Full Wednesdays continue this week with Soup & Substance beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Cardinal Hickey Parish Hall. This week Father Nick will be the presenter, speaking about the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and other penitential practices and how to make them a meaningful part of our Lenten observance. Please come to share fellowship, prayer, and to learn more about the abundant forgiveness God offers us when we turn to Him with repentant hearts.

On Friday evening, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in Church and there will be Private Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Last weekend, we launched into our 2010-2011 Catholic Services Appeal campaign. As we heard in Bishop Cistone's recorded message, the theme of this year's campaign is "With Arms Wide Open." I quote from Bishop's message: "*Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal is needed now more than ever. If you have not contributed in the past or are unsure of your commitment this year, I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this appeal, at a level you are capable of giving. In these challenging times, I urge you to reach out to our brothers and sisters with minds hearts, and arms wide open.*" The CSA campaign target for Saint Brigid Parish this year is \$75,233, which is a substantial reduction in the targeted amount from prior years. We ask you to be as generous as you can in supporting CSA which funds the Church's activities in our own Diocese, as well as missionary outreach activities around the world.

Please continue to pray for those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, March 17th. Bishop Cistone will be here to celebrate the 7:00 p.m. Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 34 members of our Parish. Photographs of those to be confirmed are in the vestibule of the Church. You are encouraged to identify the picture of the individual with whom you became a "prayer partner" when you received your Little Black Book for Lent.

We have received word from the bishop's office that Bishop Cistone has accepted our invitation to continue the tradition of being present at Saint Brigid Parish for 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Holy Saturday, April 3rd. He will preside at Morning Prayer and bless the food for our Easter tables. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend.

Blessings on your Lenten journey.... Deacon Al

SCHOOL

Registration for the after school program, Junior Science is now taking place. This program is open to all 3rd-6th grade students in the area. Physics begins on Monday, March 8. Space is limited. Call the school office for more information, 835-9481 ext. 48. Scholarships are available.

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us in donating blood on Tuesday, March 23 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in Cardinal Hickey Parish Hall. This blood drive is sponsored by the Saint Brigid Middle School Life Skills Class. More information will be coming at a later date!

This past week Fr. Nick heard individual confessions for students in grades 2-8 as preparation for Easter. Thank you Fr. Nick.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 1:30-3 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Details: Bill, 989-750-2919 or Sally, 631-3743 or Karla, 835-2735.

YOUNG ADULTS

P³...join us next Sunday for Pizza Pop and a Priest at 7:00 p.m. in Pizza Sam's.

SAINT ELIZABETH PARENT & TODDLER'S GROUP

Will meet on Friday mornings in the Rainbow Room from 9:15-11:00 a.m. Questions? Call Janet, 486-1083.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There is a Parent/Child session TODAY, March 7th at 1:30 p.m. in Cardinal Hickey Parish Hall.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: Come join Neil and Dan in the Rainbow Room from 6:30-8 p.m. for food and great conversation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: Meets tonight from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school building.

LENTEN CAFÉ: High School youth are invited to Coffee Chaos on Sunday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. during Lent for good fellowship and discussion on the Sunday scriptures. Hope to see you there!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERNIGHT RETREAT will be held on March 13-14 at Camp Rotary. This is an awesome opportunity for your middle school youth! The theme this year is "*The Climb*".

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY MARATHON: Have you gotten to 11th or 12th grade and haven't had the opportunity to experience the Theology of the Body? Here is your chance! A quick 1 p.m.-1 p.m. marathon on March 14-15! This awesome event will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish - get your permission forms in by March 8th.

FEED THE FIRE: The next Diocesan Feed the Fire event for all youth will be March 20 from 4-8 p.m. at St. Agnes in Freeland. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together with other Catholic teens for Mass, dinner and a great speaker. See you there!