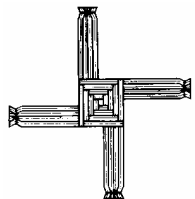
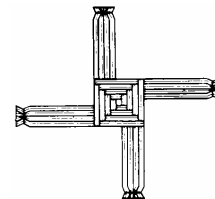


"There are no strangers here, only friends we have not met."



# St. Brigid Community



LENT 2010

This **LENT** join us for our

## PARISH MISSION

FEB. 22, 23 & 24

7:00—8:30 P.M.

### LIFE IN THE DESERT

Guest Speaker: *Rev. Jonathan Felwa*



This coming Lent is a chance to deepen our relationship to God. We do this as Catholics by living these 40 Days in preparation.

The theme of spending "time in the desert" has been important to the people of God for many centuries.

Come and learn how to use this Lenten desert time well. Learn to *thrive*, not simply survive. God is calling. Prepare the way of the Lord!

### Adoration during Lent



**Adoration**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and **Holy Hour**, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Wednesdays is a special time to be in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It can also be a special time for families to pray and worship together and to introduce children to Adoration and the true presence in the Eucharist. If there was ever a time when families and the world needs prayer, it is now. Please prayerfully consider experiencing the peace and joy that is offered at this special time.

## ST. BRIGID EASTER MUSICAL

"I met a Man who was no ordinary man. Everything about Him changed everything I am. And, there was something in His eyes that made me see, Jesus, I believe, is more than just a simple man..." **Nicodemus** from **MORE THAN JUST A MAN**

The St. Brigid Performing Arts & Music Ministries invite you, your family, and your friends to begin Holy Week by attending one of the two presentations of this dramatic Easter musical. This captivating Easter work, penned by Chris Machen and conceptualized by Kim Messer, depicts the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as seen through the eyes of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. The compelling script is combined with masterfully-arranged choral and instrumental music that is sure to inspire. Performances are slated for **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Admission is free; however, donations to defray production costs are very much appreciated.

This work celebrates the fact that we are an Easter people and that, for Christians everywhere, Easter is the culmination of the promise of God's salvation and love for us. It has been said: *Only one man could turn a week of betrayal, intrigue and murder into the most holy week of the year. Yes, but He was more than just a man.*



## LENT EVENTS

*Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*, is the beginning of Lent. Lent is a reminder to all of us of our Baptismal call. Wearing ashes is a sign that we remember God's love, our promises, and that we are returning to the hope and joy of God's call. When we wear ashes, we show our willingness to hear and follow God's call.

This year, our *Parish Lenten Project* will focus each week on one Corporal & one Spiritual Act of Mercy.

### The Corporal Acts of Mercy:

Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty,  
Clothe the Naked, Visit Those in Prison, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Bury the Dead.

### The Spiritual Acts of Mercy:

Admonish the Sinner, Instruct the Ignorant,  
Counsel the Doubtful, Comfort the Sorrowful,  
Bear Wrongs Patiently, Forgive Injuries,  
Pray for the Living and the Dead.

In turning back to God, we are able to turn outward to discover and embrace the God with a human face. We turn in love toward our neighbors through acts of justice, compassion and service. We begin again our journey of conversion to prepare for the Christian mission. We are the instruments in the building of God's kingdom!

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Masses with distribution of ashes are at:  
6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

Communion Services with distribution of ashes are at:

12Noon, 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.



## RCIA

### Rites of Sending and Election and the Scrutinies

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Lent coincides with the period of purification and enlightenment for the catechumens and candidates. The **Rite of Sending** allows the parish to send its catechumens and candidates to the bishop for election and enrollment. The **Rite of Election** is the liturgical rite that signifies entry into this final period of more intense preparation for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation. The principal celebrant for this rite is the bishop who, in the name of the Church, accepts the catechumens as the chosen of God. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the elect preparing for baptism, the candidates, and the rest of the faithful scrutinize and uncover (enlighten) what's weak and sinful and ask God to heal, strengthen and liberate us from the power of evil (purify). The elect are a symbol of the penitential posture we are all to assume during Lent.



# Faith Formation

Save these Dates!

## Vacation Bible School

Pre-K (4 years) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

June 21<sup>st</sup>—25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.—12Noon

Cost is \$20 per child; \$15 for each additional sibling  
Volunteers' children come free.

## Family Retreat Weekend...at HEB Camp

September 3—5, 2010

Space is limited.

Watch the bulletin for details.

## Volunteers needed:

Vacation Bible School

Please email Renee if you can help at:

[reneestb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reneestb@sbcglobal.net)

Planning meetings will be on Tuesday evenings,  
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. on May 11, 18, 25, June 8, & 15.

Faith Formation continues for children and youth. We meet each Tuesday and Sunday. Classes will run through the end of April. (No class during spring break week).

## During Lent

### Parents of Faith Formation children & youth:

Take time this Lent to grow closer to God. Join other parents in breaking open the Sunday readings during your child's class time. Sundays at 9:15 a.m. or 1:45 p.m. in the hall or Tuesday's at 6:30pm in the Narthex.



## **ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES**

### YOU'VE GOT THE TIME

...is a 40-day New Testament listening program, supported by the Archbishop for all members of the Catholic Faith, to make a part of your Lenten activities.

To make this possible, the Archdiocese of San Antonio has partnered with an international Bible recording ministry called Faith Comes By Hearing. They are making available a FREE CD disc of the dramatized New American Bible, in English or Spanish, to every adult in each participating parish. They will also provide a free dramatized KIDZ Bible CD disc just for the children, in English. Come to Mass the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and receive your very own copy.

### MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

...will be March 18-21, 2010. Attain a deeper relationship with the Lord and with fellow parishioners through:

Adoration-----Prayer life

Community -----Love and caring for each other

Theology -----Study of the faith through scripture

Service-----To God and to each other

This is a life-changing event. Make time to be with others sharing the same beliefs as you. Contact Gilbert Maldonado (681-4691); Roy Chapa (724-3574); or, Raul Cortez (544-9198).

## Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

The Young Adult Ministry (ages 18 & up) at St. Brigid began meeting in January 2008. They currently meet weekly on Thursday evenings in Room 205 of the McKenna Building. For more information, please feel free to contact Jenna Chavez at 452-2921.



## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

St. Brigid has various Youth Ministries that allow youth to use their gifts of time, song, art, dance, writing, speaking, and planning. If you are interested in participating in any of our current Youth Ministries: Youth Lector/Greeter, Youth Choir, Youth Newsletter, Liturgical Dance, Youth 4 Justice (Social Concerns), please contact Lydia Castillo, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at ext. 1008.

## **CONFIRMATION 2010**

Keep our Confirmandi's in your prayers; they are already preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 15, 2010, with Most Rev. Charles V. Grahmann, D. D. We encourage you to lift up our Confirmation Candidates to the Lord asking for the stirring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety, Right Judgment and Wonder and Awe).

### **CONFIRMATION PRAYER**

*Holy Spirit, may your abundant grace fill all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Open their heart to your gifts that they may live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Give to them, and to all your people, the fire of your joy, the strength of your courage, the consolation of your hope. May your gifts transform us all into living and faithful servants for the good of the entire Church and the everlasting glory of God. Amen*

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

...to Stephen Estrada, who served as our youth representative on our Pastoral Council, for a job well done and a BIG thank you for making us all proud.



## **YOUTH EXPLOSION**

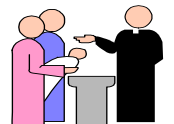
The CCCR of San Antonio will be hosting Youth Explosion an event for High School Student on March 13, 2010 at St. Paul's, if you would like to join us please contact Lydia Castillo @ 696-0896 ext, 1008

## **YOUTH SPECTACULAR FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Archdiocese of San Antonio will be hosting Youth Spectacular, an event for Middle School Students on April 10, 2010, at St. Pius X in San Antonio. If you would like to join us, please contact Lydia Castillo @ 696-0896 ext, 1008

## *Infant Baptism Classes for Parents*

Check out the **Infant Baptism Guidelines** and the Class Dates at [www.stbrigidcc.org](http://www.stbrigidcc.org). Then, call the Parish Office and sign up to reserve your spot.



# Social Ministry

## NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

will be held on Sundays:

March 7 & April 11

9:15 a.m. in the Kildare Room.

If you are new to St. Brigid, please come by so that our Pastor, staff and ministry representatives may welcome you to our parish community.



## LADIES AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

Sunday, March 21 (after all Masses)

Please stop by the tables outside the church for some delicious baked goods.

Proceeds support youth ministries.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

### MONTHLY PARISH FOOD DRIVE

March 6/7 & April 10/11

On these weekends, please drop off any non-perishable food items in the SVDP bin located in the Narthex.

### ST. JOSEPH BREAD DRIVE

On the weekend of March 21/22, please bring loaves of bread to the table in the Narthex, where the loaves will be blessed and donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to be given to those less fortunate.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are urgently need to assist at the Food Pantry. Please call Sergio at the Parish Office (696-0896) at ext. 1005 if you can help the less fortunate of our community.

## GUADALUPANOS NEWS



### VALENTINE DAY'S DANCE

Saturday, February 13

6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Cost is \$10.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses on the weekend of Feb. 6/7.

For more information, please contact Martha Rivera (535-3844) r, Gilda Ybarra (213-0934).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### KC TACO SALE

After all Sunday masses on:

Feb. 14, Mar. 14 & Apr. 11

Be sure to stop by the tables outside the Church for some delicious breakfast tacos and support the youth scholarship fund and other parish ministries.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

March 14/15 (after all Masses) in the Narthex

If you would like to become a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11596, or simply want more information about this international fraternity of Catholic men, please stop by the table in the Narthex.

### KC EASTER EGG HANDOUT

Easter Sunday, April 4

(after all Masses)

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



# St. Brigid INFO BOARD

**OFFICE HOURS** ..... Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m.-noon & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.;  
..... Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**OFFICE PHONE** ..... (210) 696-0896

**EMAIL** ..... brigidst@sbcglobal.net

**WEBSITE** ..... www.stbrigidcc.org

### CATHOLIC INFO WEBSITES:

..... www.archdiocosa.org; www.vatican.va/archive

### WEEKEND LITURGIES:

..... Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

..... Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual); 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.

**WEEKLY MASSES** ..... Monday—Wednesday: 6:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

..... Thursday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

..... Friday: 6:00 a.m.

..... First Friday: 6:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

### WEEKLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

..... Friday (except 1st Friday): 8:00 a.m.

..... Thursday: 6:00 a.m.

**HEALING LITURGY** ..... First Monday: 7:00 p.m.

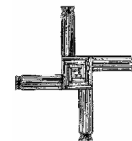
**HOLY DAYS** ..... 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**CHAPEL HOURS** ..... Sunday: 6:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

..... Monday—Thursday: 6:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

..... Friday: 6:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

..... Saturday: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.



## CHECK THIS OUT:

### GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our parish that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will be the Who, What, Where, Why, and How of our Church. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at 696-0896.

Recent survey result by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

### UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFO

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. (If you haven't already done so.)

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The church office number is 696-0896.

Thank you for your help!

# Special Days and LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY 15 PRESIDENT'S DAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**

Masses at: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.\*

Communion Services at: 12Noon, 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.\*

\*All times with distribution of ashes.

**FEBRUARY 19**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition at 8:30 a.m. ending with

Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Penance Service—7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 20/21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

R.C.I.A. Rite of Sending—5:00 p.m. Mass

**FEBRUARY 22—24**

Parish Mission (see Weekly Bulletin for details)

**FEBRUARY 26**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition at 8:30 a.m. ending with

Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross—7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 27/28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

R.C.I.A. Penitential Rite—10:30 a.m. Mass

**MARCH 5**

First Friday Masses at 6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition at 8:30 a.m. ending with

Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross—7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 6/7 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

R.C.I.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny—8:00 a.m. Mass

**MARCH 12**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition at 8:30 a.m. ending with

Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Penance Service—7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 13/14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

R.C.I.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny—12:30 p.m. Mass

**MARCH 15—19 SPRING BREAK**

**MARCH 19**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition at 8:30 a.m. ending with

Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross—7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 20/21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

R.C.I.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny—5:00 p.m. Mass

**MARCH 26**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition at 8:30 a.m. ending with

Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

**MARCH 27/28 PALM SUNDAY**

Easter Musical "More Than Just A Man"

Saturday—7:00 p.m.

Sunday—4:00 p.m.

**MARCH 29**

Healing Mass—7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 30**

Seven Last Words of Christ—6:30 p.m.

**MARCH 31**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—6:30 p.m.

Holy Hour—7:30 p.m.

**APRIL 1 HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 p.m.

Adoration

Tenebrae—10:00 p.m.

**APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross—12Noon & 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service—7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 3 HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Vigil—8:30 p.m.

**APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses at: 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Hall), 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

**APRIL 5 EASTER MONDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**



## WEEKDAYS OF LENT

### Masses:

Monday—Wednesday & Friday @ 6:00 a.m.

Monday—Thursday & Saturday @ 8:00 a.m.

### Communion Services:

Thursday @ 6:00 a.m.

Fridays, except for 1st Friday @ 8:00 a.m.

### Morning Prayer:

Monday through Friday @ 7:45 a.m.

## CARE OF THE SICK

**Anointing:** If you, or a member of your family requires this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

**Emergency Calls:** A hospital chaplain normally covers all hospitals. In an emergency, please contact the hospital. New confidentiality laws can limit clergy access to names and room numbers of patients in hospitals and nursing homes. If a family member is in a hospital, let us know where we can find the patient. Celebration of the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and the Anointing of the Sick can be arranged when you call. After hours, please leave a message and the office will contact you as soon as possible.

**Home Communion:** For Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office during regular hours. A Pastoral Care Minister will arrange a visit.

## Change Your Clocks: March 14

Daylight Saving Time will take place at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March. More information at: <http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving>. Be alert and move those clocks forward on time. We don't want to meet you coming to Mass when we're going!

**Spring forward one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14.**

