

Stewardship Annual Plan 2006

The Stewardship committees are encouraged to develop a detailed yearly plan that includes the organization and preparation for the two to three weekend efforts as well as monthly awareness activities.

Use Stewardship thoughts in the Sunday bulletin on a weekly basis.

Use Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful on a bi-monthly basis.

Pastor will incorporate stewardship in homilies as appropriate to readings (monthly).

| Month | Day | Activity | Person Responsible |
|----------|---------------|--|--|
| January | *7 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 13 | Articles for parish newsletter | Maria / Lewis |
| | 20 | Confirm volunteers Thx letters sent | Joel / Christina |
| | 26 | Stewardship Committee Meeting 8:30 AM. | Joel / Lewis / Maria / Jim |
| February | *3 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| March | *3 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 12 | Welcome Luncheon Newcomers | Joanne Shields |
| | 24 | Stewardship Committee Meeting 8:30 AM | Entire Committee |
| | 24 | Plan Appreciation Dinner | Committee |
| April | *7 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 7 | Mail invitations for Appreciation dinner | Committee |
| May | *5 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 5 | Appreciation Dinner 7 p.m. | Sweet & Salty Saints |
| | 18 | Plan Ministry Fair & Picnic | Mary / Susan / Joel |
| June | *2 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 9-30 | Revise Time and Talent booklet | John / Joel / Jim / Lewis |
| | 15 | Plan Ministry Fair & Picnic | Mary / Susan / Joel |
| July | Holiday | Month of rest | |
| August | *4 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 10 | Articles for parish newsletter | Maria / Lewis |
| | 16 | Stewardship literature in bookrack | Joel |
| | 17 | Plan Ministry Fair & Picnic | Mary / Susan / Joel |
| | 21 | BOF Capital Campaign Kickoff for \$3M | Joel / Volunteers |
| | September | *1 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule |
| | 7-8 | Put up Stewardship banners | Joel |
| | 14 | Stewardship Committee Meeting 8:30 AM | Entire Committee |
| | 17 | Time and Talent Lay Witness talk | Parishioner |
| | 23-24 | Open Ministry Fair & Picnic | Mary / Susan / Joel / Christina |
| October | *6 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 8 | Pastor Thx parishioner rtn time/talent card | Joel |
| | 13 | Articles for parish newsletter Annual Appeal | Maria / Lewis |
| | 14-15 | Annual Appeal Lay Witness talk | Parishioner |
| | 14-15 | Bulletin blurb for annual appeal | Joel |
| November | *3 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 6-7 | Prepare mailings for renewal | Joel |
| | 12 | Article in weekly bulletin | Joel |
| | 12-13 | Renewal Weekend all Masses | Clergy |
| | 15 | Mailing of brochure/commitment card | Volunteers Mailing Committee |
| | 20 | Commitment Sunday | Clergy |
| December | *1 | *Monthly Ministry Table Set-up Vestibule | Ministry Directors |
| | 5 | Send thank you cards | Joel |
| | 8 | Letter from Archbishop regarding gift to AA | Clergy |
| | 12 | Print thank you in weekly bulletin | Joel |
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| | *Note: | *Ministry Table Set-up is Weekly | |

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Parish Vision Statement

Saint Brigid Catholic Church, with Jesus Christ as its foundation, continually strives in all parish activity, to praise the Father, in the Son, through the Spirit; and to proclaim and share the Good News of Jesus Christ within our community and beyond, through our liturgies and ministries.

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Brigid Catholic Church commits, by the grace of our Lord, to be a people of God, who in a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather in worship and prayer to become more Christ-centered in our lives and actions, while teaching and treasuring the traditions of the Catholic Church.

The Parish Patron Saint

Saint Brigid lived in Ireland in the 5th century; a holy woman, granted by the grace of God, great gifts of spiritual leadership, devotion in prayer, patience and compassion. Brigid is probably the best-known Irish saint since Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. She was born in County Kildare around the year 457. It is widely believed that her parents belonged to noble families, and it is generally accepted that her father, Dubtach, was a Christian.



Refusing many offers of marriage, Brigid became a nun and received the veil from Saint Macaille, the abbot and bishop of Longford. With seven more women she founded the Convent of Cill-Dara, the Church of the Oak. Saint Brigid's small convent quickly became known as a great center of religion and learning. Today a major city Kildare stands on that same location. Saint Brigid also founded several monastic institutions and schools, which explains why she has always been regarded as a patroness of students.

Saint Brigid traveled extensively throughout Ireland, carrying on the great work begun by Saint Patrick, but there is no real evidence to suggest that they ever met. Brigid was one of the most remarkable women of her times, and despite the numerous legendary, extravagant, and even fantastic miracles attributed to her, there is no doubt that her extra-ordinary spirituality, boundless charity, and compassion for those in distress were real. The best-known story about Brigid is of her visit to a dying pagan chieftain, who after days of semi-consciousness, awoke to find St. Brigid's Christian Cross on his chest and St Brigid praying beside him. Thankful to God's graces for saving him, soon afterward he converted and was baptized by St. Brigid, along with his entire village.

February 1 is Saint Brigid's feast day, and it is still customary to obtain a cross at that time, in the hope of receiving the saints blessing. The phrase, the "Queen of the South: the Mary of the Gaels," in other words, "Brigid and Mary Be With You," has been applied to her, not just in Ireland, but worldwide, for she has been honored and respected all over the world.

What is God Calling You to Do?

In Luke 10:17-24 we read how Jesus had sent out 72 of his followers to preach, teach and heal, and they returned with glowing reports of success. Jesus had entrusted these relatively unknown men and women, each one with different gifts and talents, with the same work of the kingdom that he had given to the 12 apostles.

Jesus did not want to limit the work of the gospel to just a chosen few. He has confidence in each one of us. We are all called, empowered, and expected to bring others to him. So none of us should feel inadequate or too fearful. All we have to remember is that it is not so much what we do, but what we allow the Spirit to do through us.

Sharing our gifts of time and talent is one way of giving thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed on us. What is God calling you to do?



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THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The seven sacraments instituted by Christ are received in the Catholic Church. When we begin life, Baptism unites us with the risen Lord and our fellow Christians. Confirmation gives us the strength of the Holy Spirit to live a life of faithfulness to Christ and the Church. The Eucharist is the summit of Christian worship and is a sacred meal that re-enacts the Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. When we are guilty of sin and in need of forgiveness and reconciliation, we receive the Lord's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation. In times of serious illness, the Anointing of the Sick gives us God's mercy, forgiveness, courage, and hope. The sacrament of Matrimony is an ongoing sign of God's love as it appears in the union of a couple who are committed to loving each other until death. Those who are called to serve God's people as priests or deacons are supported through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Holy Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM & 5:00 PM

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 6:45 AM & 9:00 AM
Saturday 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday morning following the 9:00 AM Mass, Wednesday following 7:00 PM Benediction, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament brings the support and encouragement of the Church to a person seriously impaired by illness or old age. Catholics not in imminent danger of death who wish to receive the sacrament due to anticipated surgery or serious illness should call the Parish Office to arrange to be anointed. For all emergencies, call the Parish Office, 24/7, and follow the voice mail system's directions for emergencies.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Traditionally, the sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation are received during 2nd grade. Confirmation is traditionally received in the 10th grade in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. There are programs for Catholics who have not received these sacraments at the traditional ages. Refer to the "Religious Education" section of this publication for more information.

Baptism

Baptisms should be scheduled with a priest or deacon at least one month in advance of the anticipated ceremony. In preparation, parental participation in the Baptismal class is required. It is held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:30 PM. Call the parish receptionist to register. Catholics traditionally are baptized as infants.

Marriage

At least six months before the anticipated wedding date, prospective brides and grooms should contact a priest or deacon of the parish. The clergy member will then outline the steps required to reserve a date and time for the wedding ceremony.

Holy Orders

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time. Thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate. For vocation information, contact a member of the parish clergy.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic may receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) through the RCIA Program. Refer to the "Religious Education" section of this publication.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES

◆ Altar Linens Society

The Altar Linens Society is a behind-the-scenes ministry. It consists of volunteers who rotate washing and ironing altar linens on a weekly basis.

◆ Altar Servers

The Altar Server is a scheduled minister of the altar during Mass or other sacred liturgies. Any girl and boy who has received First Holy Communion is welcome to be a server. Training is required.

◆ Baptismal Bibs

This group is for those who love to sew to make baptismal bibs for all parish baptism ceremonies. This can be done at one's home. All materials are provided.

◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry enables children to participate in the formal worship experience, to nourish and guide their spiritual growth and to immerse them in the Word of God in ways that are understandable to them. The Children's Liturgy is presented at Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM, and Sunday at 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM, September through May. Adult planning teams meet to coordinate liturgies and provide team support for lectors/readers, music, and shepherds.

◆ Eucharistic:

◇ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

The Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister assists the priest and deacons in the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament when required during the Sacrifice of the Mass. Parish trainings are held twice a year, usually in the Fall. The parish requires that every Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister be a WEEKLY Guardian of Eucharistic Adoration. No regular meetings are held.

◇ Extraordinary Ministry to the Infirm

Eucharistic Ministers to the Infirm bring the Holy Eucharist to members of our parish family who are unable to attend Mass, either at the local assisted living homes within our parish boundaries, or at their homes. Those who wish to serve, as an EMI must already be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister.

◇ Eucharistic Perpetual Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion in which the Blessed Sacrament, in the form of a consecrated host, is exposed in the monstrance on the altar for veneration and adoration. Eucharistic Guardians commit to spending a quiet hour of prayer in the Real Presence of Christ, once a week, or every other week, or a minimum of once a month.

◆ Lectors

The Lector proclaims the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Two lectors are required for Sunday Mass and may also serve for weekday Masses. The "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers" is provided to assist in your preparation. Attendance at a Lector Workshop is required for all new Lectors.

◆ Sacristans

The Sacristan is a scheduled volunteer position. He or she is present at the Sunday Masses to ensure all scheduled liturgical ministers are present for their assigned responsibility at the Sunday Mass.

◆ Ushers

The Ushers are men and women, who assist at the Sunday Masses to create a warm and friendly atmosphere, direct parishioners to seats, take up the collection, distribute the *Sunday Bulletin*, and help out as needed. Assignments are scheduled.

◆ Weddings

The mission of this ministry is to assist the Parish Wedding Director at the rehearsal and wedding ceremony so as to ensure that each wedding is truly a wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

DEVOTIONAL MINISTRIES

◆ **Charismatic Prayer Group & Prayer Chain**

Intercessory Prayer includes praise, worship, and community building. The group meets Friday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Brides Room. Charismatic Prayer Group is a prayer group open to all, parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholics and non-Catholics. The group meet s the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Brides Room.

◆ **Couples for Christ**

Our mission is a work of Christ, which raises up Christian couples and establishes Christian families committed to the work of evangelization and wining the world for Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

◆ **Cursillo**

Cursillo is a lay movement of the Catholic Church that helps those involved focus on how to live their Baptis- mal call in all of their environments: at home, at work, at play. Cursillo weekends, for men and women, are held twice a year. For more information go to <http://www.atlcatholiccursillo.org>.

◆ **Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart**

Our mission is to bring forth the teachings of Jesus Christ as the enthroned King of the World, and to conquer the whole world for the Heart of Jesus, home by home, family by family.

◆ **Rosary**

This ministry includes the Traveling Madonna, Rosary Makers, Marian Medal Program for Girl Scouts , Med- jugore prayer/study group, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet . The Rosary Group prays Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM, and on Saturday at 8:15 AM in the Chapel.

◆ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples who want to enhance their communications, refresh and revitalize their marriage, and deepen their love for each other. The renewal of the couple brings new life to their relationship, their family, and to their church. Currently encountered couples seeking to "Continue the Journey," meet on the second Saturday of every month at various couple's homes.

VOCATIONAL MINISTRIES

◆ **Cenacle Rosary**

The Cenacle Rosary is prayed the third Tuesday of every month for priests and vocations to the priesthood.

◆ **Elijah Cup—Prayer for Vocations**

The Elijah Cup Program serves as a focal point of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and reli- gious life. Parishioners who sign up to participate are presented at the end of Mass with "The Elijah Cup," a chalice used at that Mass. The cup is kept for the week in their homes while they pray for vocations.

◆ **Serra Club**

Have you ever thought about what you could do for your priest? The Serra Club's mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in the United States and through this ministry enrich and develop our members' common Catholic faith.

◆ **Third Order—Lay Carmelite**

Lay Carmelites seek to live the life of evangelical perfection guided by Carmelite Spirituality.

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRIES

The mission of the music ministry is to glorify God, enhance the liturgy, and edify the faith community through the offering of choral, vocal and instrumental music. The comprehensive program enables those who are called to this ministry to exercise their gifts in the service of the church. All people with musical ability are invited to be a part of this vital ministry. Volunteers are also needed to assist with non-musical administrative functions.

◆ **Brass & Instrumentalists**

Instrumental groups such as brass, flutes and woodwinds ensembles may be formed as needed and as interest arises.

◆ **Cantors**

Cantors are experienced singers who lead the congregational singing at weekend Masses and for Holy Days. Cantors are selected by audition and interview with the Director of Music.

◆ **Choirs for Children**

Saint Brigid offers a fully graded Children's Choir Program. Children receive a comprehensive education to prepare them for appreciation and performance of sacred, liturgical and age-appropriate music. The choirs usually sing for the Saturday Vigil Mass once a month and for other special occasions. Any child who wishes to sing or who can play a musical instrument is welcome to participate. The choirs meet as follows:

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| <i>Cherub Choir</i> | <i>Kindergarten</i> | <i>Wednesdays, 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM</i> |
| <i>Carol Choir</i> | <i>Grades 1-2</i> | <i>Wednesdays, 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM</i> |
| <i>Jubilate Choir</i> | <i>Grades 3-5</i> | <i>Wednesdays, 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM</i> |
| <i>Saint Cecilia Girls Choir</i> | <i>Grades 6-8</i> | <i>Wednesdays, 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM</i> |

◆ **Choirs: Saint Brigid Matins & Parish**

The Matins Choir sings at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass and the Parish Choir provides music for the 10:45 AM Sunday Mass, and all other principal celebrations in the liturgical calendar. Other activities include concerts of sacred music, and choral trips abroad. The choirs sing a variety of traditional music, anthems, motets and spirituals, as well as Taizé and other styles of music. A Schola Cantorum specializing in Gregorian Chant is drawn from members of the choirs. The choirs are open to adults and teens through an interview with the director.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sundays, 8:15 AM and 10:00 AM

◆ **Life Teen Band — For His Glory (4HG)**

4HG provides music at the Sunday Evening Life Teen 5:00 PM Mass and is open to experienced singers and instrumentalists who enjoy singing and playing contemporary music. The group is open by audition.

Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sundays, 4:00 PM

◆ **Sacred & Performing Arts Series**

The Sacred and Performing Arts Series provides quality performances of sacred and other types of music for the parish and an outreach to the community. Concerts in the 2005 – 2006 Series will feature the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the choirs of Saint Brigid, organist Keith Shafer, pianist Tim Wissler and others. A complete brochure is available from the Music Office.

LITURGICAL & GENERAL ARTS MINISTRIES

◆ **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers are donated each weekend in honor of a loved one, to remember someone's passing, or to celebrate a special occasion. Following all the weekend masses the flowers are moved to the chapel for the remainder of the week.

◆ **Decorative Arts**

The purpose of this ministry is to prepare and enhance our church and sanctuary's liturgical environment. Meetings are occasional and help is needed prior to liturgical seasons.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Saint Brigid Religious Education strives to fulfill the mission of Saint Brigid through Spiritual Enrichment and Religious Education. Programs are for adults, teens and children. Our mission is to encompass all aspects of Faith Formation and to build the Body of Christ by using the ministerial gifts parishioners bring to Saint Brigid. Volunteers needed range from program core teams to catechists to hospitality supporting Religious Education functions. See specific areas below.

◆ **Adult Education**

Adult Education strives to provide all adults with continuing faith formation that enhances spiritual development and provides solid teachings of the Catholic Church. This includes leading non-Catholics and returning Catholics as well to an understanding and appreciation of the fullness of the Catholic Faith. Volunteers can be utilized weekly, monthly or on a one-time basis. Catechist certification is available for all levels. See Adult Ed brochure for more details.

◆ **Confirmation Program**

Sacramental Preparation Program for 10th graders receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Opportunities include presenters and small group mentors.

◆ **Familia**

Familia is a four year study on family life using scripture and various Church documents. Babysitting is provided. Topics include Human Life, Our Call to Holiness, the Blessed Mother, and Virtue.

◆ **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Monthly prayer meetings to include prayer, breakfast, fellowship and speakers and an Annual Day of Reflection.

◆ **Parish School of Religion (PSR):**

Additional PSR opportunities include office volunteers, craft assembly, support for Prayer Honor Roll, social and service activities and hospitality for First Communion reception.

Nursery: Opportunity for babysitting during PSR weekday classes for children of PSR catechists.

Preschool Age 3 through Elementary Grade 6:

PSR catechists teach Preschool Age 3 through Elementary Grade 6 once a week for 25 weeks, from September through May. Classes are held **Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM**. Each class lasts one hour and 15 minutes. The basic requirement for this ministry is your willingness to share your Catholic faith with the children of our parish and a basic understanding of Catholicism. You are provided with support from the Religious Education staff and a creative and sound curriculum. Certification classes are available for those interested. Pre - K is Montessori based using a hands-on approach. Grades 1-6 use the Ignatius Faith and Life Series.

Substitute Catechist: Opportunities for times when a catechist cannot be at class. You can specify when you are available to substitute.

◆ **Religious Education Special Events**

Presentations for all ages: families, children, teens and singles. There are many opportunities to get involved. Join a team to help with activities, art and environment or hospital for large events. Events include Dinner and Doctrine, Seder Meal and Religious Ed exhibits.

◆ **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

A process of initiation through which new members are brought into the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist). This process is for adults who have not been baptized, or baptized in another denomination. Each person wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church is assigned a sponsor who is a guide and traveling companion for the journey. Adult Confirmation is available for those who have not received Confirmation at the traditional time. Catechists, facilitators for Breaking Open the Word, and sponsors are needed.

◆ **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which children and teens over the age of seven are brought into the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist). This process is for youth and children who have not been baptized or baptized in another denomination. A Sacrament Program is available for baptized Catholic children who did not receive First Eucharist and First Reconciliation at the traditional ages. Volunteers usually needed are catechists, facilitators for Breaking Open the Word.

◆ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

A summer bible school for all children age Pre - K thru 5th Grade, which incorporates Bible lessons, summer fun and service into a one-week program. Middle school and high school students are involved in the production of this week as volunteers. Adult volunteers are needed for planning, drama, decorations, crafts, games, group leaders, snacks, registration and lots more. Training is available. Time commitment varies. Core team meets from January through May, once or twice a month. Other commitments vary from one to five days during VBS or commitment can be project oriented.

◆ **Youth Ministry:**

◇ **Life Teen**

Leading teens to a personal relationship with Christ is the mission of the Saint Brigid Youth Program that includes Life Nights, retreats, Bible studies, service and social activities, all with the Eucharist at the center of the teen's catechetical and spiritual development. Core members should be able to relate to teens and support a diverse program using Life Teen as a resource and the Life Teen Mass as the focal point of Life Nights. Core team meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Other opportunities include; drivers, meal preparation on Sunday nights, and parent support team.

◇ **The Edge — Junior High Program (Grades 7 & 8)**

The mission of the parish Junior High Program is to capture the hearts of young teens, and bring them to a **deeper appreciation of their Catholic faith**. Classes follow the PSR schedule. Opportunities include small group mentors, and parent core team members to help facilitate social and service events and prepare dinners for the Edge nights

DAY SCHOOL

◆ **Day School**

Saint Brigid Day School is open to children ages two to five. Our preschool recognizes that each child is a gift from God. Guided by the educational mission and doctrinal teachings of the Catholic Church, we seek to nurture the whole child in the image of Christ: spiritual, cognitive, physical, emotional and social. Mindful that each child possesses its own unique blend of God-given strengths, needs, learning styles and interests. We focus on developmentally appropriate experiences that promote creativity, critical thinking and curiosity. The quality of a child's early educational experience is crucial in forming confident and competent learners in a nurturing Christian environment where children come to know, love, and serve God.

ORGANIZATIONAL MINISTRIES

◆ **Finance Council**

An advisory body to provide assistance to the pastor in the administration of parish finances through financial analysis, planning, and policy development. Underlying this premise is planning ways for the parish to meet its financial goals and objectives and promote the spiritual growth of the parish.

◆ **Knights of Columbus**

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to Catholic men in union with the Holy See. Membership provides the opportunity for fellowship with those who are of the same belief, who recognize the same duty to God, to family and to neighbor and who stand side by side in defense of those beliefs. Programs are organized to appeal to individual interests of the members. One of the initial objectives in founding the Knights was to provide security for the widows and children of deceased members.

◆ **Men of Saint Brigid (MOSB)**

The Men of Saint Brigid is an organization dedicated to the greater Glory of God through a combination of ministries to its members, the Saint Brigid Parish and the community at large. These ministries will facilitate spiritual growth, provide a variety of services to the parish and the community, and promote Christian Social fellowship. Monthly membership meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.

◆ **Mom's Group:**

This group's mission is moms supporting other moms in spiritual and personal growth through Bible study, fun and fellowship activities, and community service. Most meetings and planned activities are held during the day and children are welcome. Bible study groups meet weekly. Most moms remain with the group for several years, and generate friendships that last a lifetime.

◇ **Care Bear**

Care Bear is a joint service of the Mom's Group and the Women's Guild. The first mission/goal of the Care Bears is to provide meals to moms with new babies and families in need; surgery for a child or self, death of a loved one, or any other circumstance that might limit a mom's ability to make a meal for her family.

◆ **Parish Council**

An advisory body that makes recommendation to the pastor, in developing and renewing a pastoral plan for the ministry and the life of the parish, and planning ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church.

◆ **Stewardship Committee**

Jesus calls us to share our time, talents and treasure for the building of His Kingdom. The Stewardship Committee plans, develops, executes and monitors programs that promote the culture of thanksgiving to God in the hearts of parishioners by proportioning commitments of time, talent and treasure. This includes planning and conducting the annual Fall Parish Ministry Fair and Picnic, Building on Faith Campaign, and Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

◆ **Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild is an exciting way to get involved in our parish and to meet new friends. The Women's Guild meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. The meetings provide an opportunity for social and spiritual fellowship as well as a forum for information on the activities of the various groups and ministries. All are welcome.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

◆ **Building Maintenance & Set-up**

This ministry is available for all parish activities, special events, including additional Mass set-ups.

◆ **Event Planning for Religious Education & Social Events**

Planning and coordinating large parish functions.

◆ **Kitchen Committee**

The periodic cleaning of parish center kitchen.

◆ **Library Committee**

New ministry being formed.

◆ **Office**

An active list of volunteers is compiled of those people who are available on a regular basis to assist in parish-wide mailings, data entry, and various basic office duties. No meetings or training required. Parish Offices rely on the generous gift of time and talent from their parishioners to accomplish tasks that would otherwise necessitate the expense of outsourcing.

◆ **Parish Photographer**

Available to photograph church events or memorable moments.

◆ **White Gloves**

This group meets weekly to dust, clean and vacuum the chapel and main sanctuary for Mass.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

◆ **Athletics:**

◇ **Children**

This group targets adults leading children's athletics. It served over 750 children last year. This organization provides a wonderful experience for the families in the parish. The group meets once a month and directors handle specific seasons, i.e., Winter Basketball and Fall/Spring Soccer. Workloads vary based on the sport.

◇ **Adults**

This group targets men's and women's adult athletics. Each year parishioners participate in inter-parish sports leagues as a way to promote exercise, fun and community.

◆ **Boy Scouts**

The mission of Boy Scouts of America is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, while training for the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness while maintaining duty to God, family, and country. Scouts are available to assist the parish and other ministries in service projects, keeping in mind that the members are children with limited availability.

◆ **Bridges**

A ministry targeting adult singles, ages 35-59, to create social and service opportunities in our parish community. Open to both men and women. A wonderful way to meet your peers in the parish.

◆ **Cub Scouts**

The mission of Cub Scouts is to provide an educational program for boys to build character, while training for the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness while maintaining duty to God, family, and country. Scouts are available to assist the parish and other ministries in service projects keeping in mind that the members are children with limited availability.

◆ **Girl Scouts Marian Medal**

Mary is the model of openness and spirituality, and an excellent role model for Girl Scouts. This program helps participants increase their understanding of Mary as a woman of the Church.

◆ **Married Couples**

This is a social group consisting of married couples of all ages. Each couple will be placed in a small group of 4-6 couples to socialize about four times during the year. The small groups have potluck dinners, theme dinners, game nights, cocktail parties, or just meet for dinner. The goal of the group is to keep our parish friendly and welcoming by providing a way to meet other couples within the parish.

◆ **Prime-Timers Lunch Bunch (Over 60)**

This is a social group of men and women of the parish over 60. Future plans call for "lunch bunch" gatherings, trips, guest speakers, and service projects.

◆ **Young Adult Ministry (YAM)**

This ministry strives to connect single and married young adults, ages 19-40, with Jesus Christ, the Church, and one another through spiritual, service and social events. In addition to hosting quarterly social gatherings at local establishments, YAM also participates in events planned by the Atlanta Archdiocese Office of Young Adult Ministry. Those programs include social and educational series such as Holy Grounds. Other programs such as Spirit and Truth and REVIVE! bring single and married young adults together for praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month and new ideas, suggestions, and volunteers are always appreciated. Visit www.yam.org for calendar and more information.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

◆ **Coffee & Doughnuts**

This group provides a convenient opportunity for parishioners to catch up with old friends and meet many new ones. Coffee & doughnuts are served after the 9:00 AM Mass each Sunday morning during the school year.

◆ **Nursery**

The nursery provides childcare for children up to age 3 during the 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM and 5:00 PM Sunday Masses. Volunteers are needed; no training required. Other babysitting opportunities available through Religious Education.

◆ **Welcome Committee**

The Welcome Committee strives to create a warm inviting atmosphere to help enhance a family/community environment. Volunteers serve as the initial greeter to all new parish members, host fellowships and various hospitality gatherings.

◆ **Sweet & Salty Saints**

The Sweet & Salty Saints bake and prepare meals for various parish functions: receptions, Confirmation, First Eucharist and the Advent Council. No meetings; e-mail correspondence.

HELP & HEALING MINISTRIES

◆ **Addiction**

Volunteers are available for the chemically dependent looking for change and support. Al-Anon is a fellowship group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon meets on Saturday mornings.

◆ **Bereavement**

Volunteers work with members of the clergy to assist the family with preparations for the Wake Service, the Funeral Mass and will also follow-up with family members as needed.

◆ **Caring Connection**

A team of volunteers are ready to assist fellow parishioners in need of help with rides to Mass, to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, respite for caregivers, friendly visits and phone calls to brighten someone's day.

◆ **Funeral Receptions**

Volunteers provide a luncheon for family and friends of deceased members of the parish.

◆ **GriefShare**

This is a weekly seminar and support group. Trained volunteers are committed to aiding families grieving the death of a loved one with prayer and information about recovery and renewed hope.

◆ **Health & Wellness**

Volunteers promote physical and emotional well-being through health screenings and speakers addressing pertinent issues to enhance the wellness of the parish community.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

◆ **Career Transition Networking Group**

This group meets every Tuesday night from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. The meetings are a chance to network with others and come together to assist one another with issues and questions about your job search. The group can help you find the resources and contacts you are looking for. Daily job leads are sent out to those who request them.

◆ **Living Rosary**

The Living Rosary is prayed three times a year, during Lent, and the months of May and October. Individuals participate as beads, by praying the prayers of the rosary. This is a beautiful devotion to pray as a family to honour life.

◆ **Mustard Seed**

This ministry meets monthly to promote awareness and support of the children of Mustard Seed. Some activities include fund raising, supply collection, PR development, sale of prayer box necklaces, and an annual trip each February to Mustard Seed Nicaragua.

◆ **Natural Family Planning**

Discover Catholic Church teaching on artificial contraception referencing church documents—Casti Connubii, Humanae Vitae, and Familiaris Consortio. Study the history of contraception, the resulting side effects, and unintended consequences. Through practical application, learn the modern Sympto-Thermal Method of Family Planning over four 2 1/2 hour classes.

◆ **Respect Life**

In support of the dignity of human life the goals of this group are as follows: Education - to increase the awareness of facts relating to pro-life issues; Social Action - witness and prayer; Political action - letter writing to senators and congressional representatives as issues arise in the legislature or media.

◆ **St. Vincent de Paul**

In a spirit of justice and charity the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an organization of men and women who seek to be totally present to those who are suffering. We offer person-to-person assistance in a way that promotes human dignity and integrity while deepening our own spirituality. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, at 8:00 AM in the parish administration building.

St. Brigid Catholic Church Ministry Survey

Instructions:

Select the ministries in which you want to participate. Your name will be sent to a representative of that ministry and you will be contacted with additional information. Thank you.

Your completed surveys may be mailed to the St. Brigid Parish Office, or faxed to 678-393-0071.

Name _____ Home telephone number _____

Email address _____ or Cell number _____

_____ The work in which I am interested does not appear in the booklet. Please contact me.

| Spiritual Ministries | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Altar Linens Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Altar Servers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Baptismal Bibs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Eucharistic: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extraordinary Ministry to the Infirm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Eucharistic Perpetual Adoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sacristans |
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| Devotional Ministries | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Charismatic Prayer Group & Prayer Chain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Couples for Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cursillo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sacred Heart Enthronement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rosary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Worldwide Marriage Encounter |
| Vocational Ministries | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cenacle Rosary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Elijah Cup—Prayer for Vocations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Serra Club |
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| Liturgical Music Ministries | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brass & Instrumentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cantors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Choirs for Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Choirs: Saint Brigid Matins & Parish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life Teen Band—For His Glory (4HG) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sacred & Performing Arts Series |
| Liturgical & General Arts Ministries | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Altar Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Decorative Arts |

Families who wish to complete only one survey are asked to use the following codes to designate their choices.

| CODE | First Name (please provide) | CODE | First Name (please provide) |
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| H | Husband _____ | C1 | Child 1 _____ |
| W | Wife _____ | C2 | Child 2 _____ |
| B | Both _____ | C3 | Child 3 _____ |

Parishioner Name: _____

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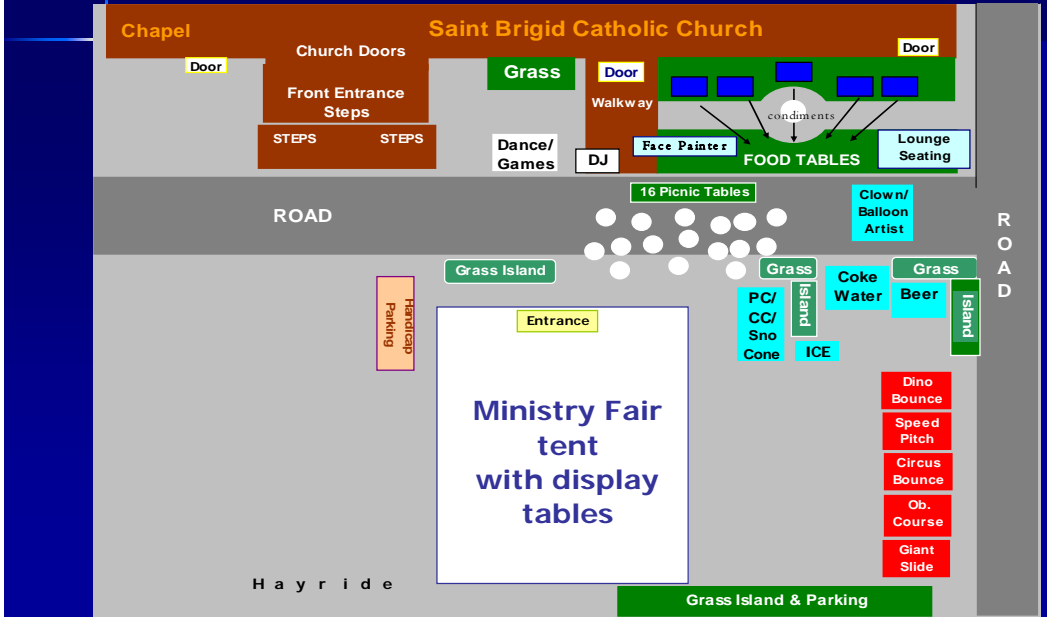
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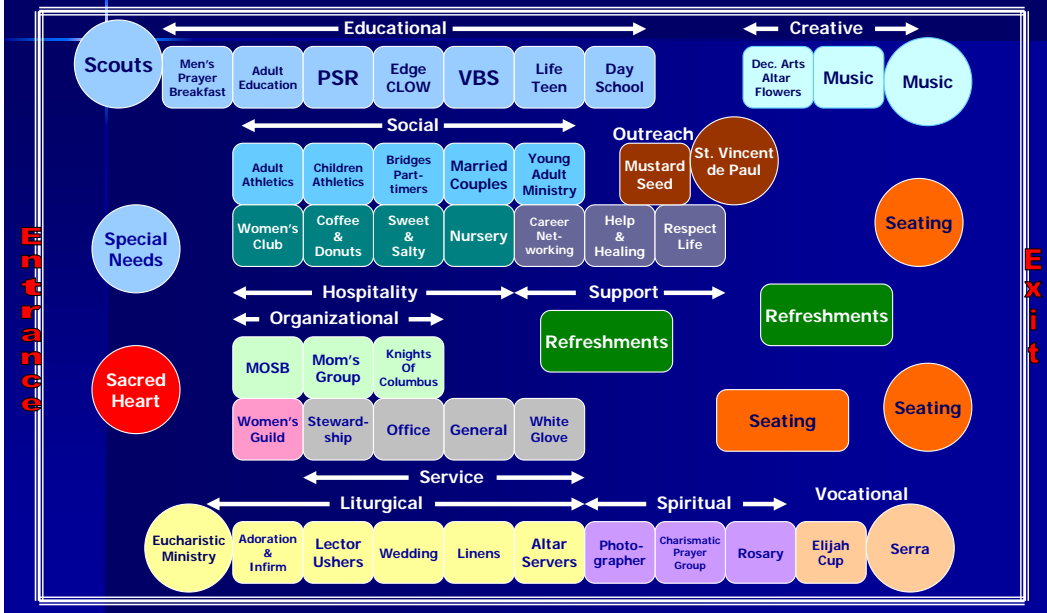
St. Brigid Ministry Fair/Picnic Checklist

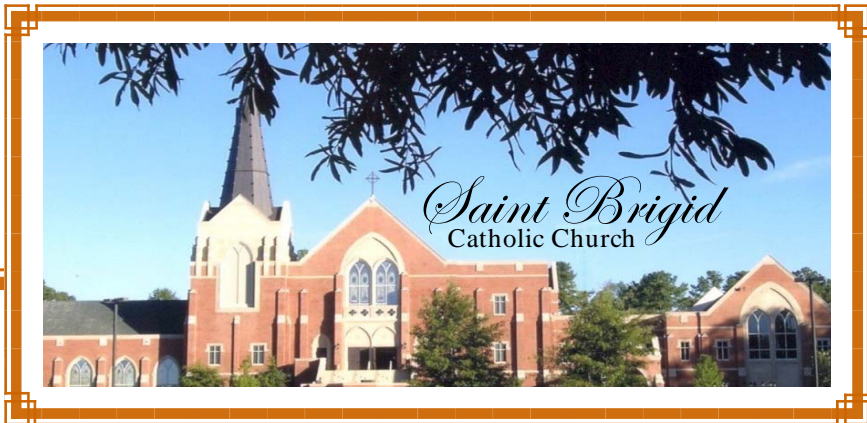
- May -- select fair/picnic date (third weekend in September):
 - Two-day event:
 - Ministry Fair – Saturday and Sunday
 - Picnic – Sunday (1 PM to 4 PM)
- May & June – contact ministry directors for funds to support fair/picnic:
 - Ministries with regular fundraiser activity within parish:
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Men of St. Brigid (MOSB)
 - Mom’s Group
 - Women’s Guild
- July – meet with Stewardship Committee members and fair/picnic volunteers to review plans for September event.
- August:
 - Sign contracts for food service, rides, entertainment, and tent:
 - Stewardship Committee member:
 - Contacts and interviews three vendors:
 - Cost
 - Reliability
 - Staffing
 - Setup/takedown
 - Sign contract.
 - Contact drink suppliers for delivery on day before event.
 - Send out letter to all Ministry Fair chairpersons of upcoming event and their responsibilities during the fair.
 - Contact Sacrament of Confirmation Director and Catholic High School contacts for service hour students to act as volunteers.
 - Have 60 tables available for Ministry Fair tent.
 - Notify Coffee & Donuts Chairperson that the Third Sunday Coffee & Donuts will be offered in the Ministry Fair tent instead of Parish Hall.
 - Develop staging and parking plan for picnic:
 - After 10:45 AM Mass:
 - Block off parking spaces where rides will be placed.
 - 505 parking spaces available; 85 for fair/picnic.
- September (third Saturday):
 - Volunteers setup tables and chairs in tent.
 - Ministry directors setup their respective tri-fold display boards in designated spaces (Noon-4 PM).
 - Setup food tables and ice down all soft drinks.
- Take down after 5 PM Mass Sunday:
 - 6:30 PM – volunteers begin take down.
 - White tent removed on Monday.

Ministry Fair/Picnic Setup



Ministry Fair Tent Setup





STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT *YOUR* PARISH

Is Saint Brigid the place you go for Sunday Mass? Or is Saint Brigid *your* Parish, your spiritual home? You are invited to share *your* time and talent with *your* community. Please use this form to sign-up for one or more of the stewardship opportunities at Saint Brigid.

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Family Name _____

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OR BRING TO MASS AND GIVE TO AN USHER OR DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET.**