

# **SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

*How did the pastors come to this decision?*

The decision to have a 5:30 pm Sunday evening Mass at Saint Brigid was the result of all the input received as part of the Midland Catholic Cluster project. Through this process the pastors heard a strong interest in having a Sunday evening Mass. There are several groups who have had a difficult time attending Mass on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. These include people with conflicting work schedules, people who are away for the weekend, and families with children on traveling athletic teams. For all these and other reasons the pastors decided to implement the Sunday evening Mass.

*Why was Saint Brigid chosen for the Sunday evening Mass?*

There are several reasons. First, there is a historical precedent. Saint Brigid had a Sunday evening Mass until 1990. So in effect we are simply re-instating the Sunday evening Mass at Saint Brigid. Second, Saint Brigid is the closest parish to Northwood University. National statistics tell us that 60 percent of young adults who attend Mass go on a Sunday evening. So having the Mass at Saint Brigid will help outreach to young adults at Northwood and throughout the Midland area.

*Who will preside at the Sunday evening Mass?*

Since the Sunday evening Mass is at Saint Brigid, the pastor of Saint Brigid parish will normally preside at the Mass.

*With the change in Mass times, if I attend Mass at a parish that is not my own, what should I do with my envelope?*

You can place your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass at any of the three Midland parishes and it will be sent to your parish.

*Is this a permanent change in the Mass schedule?*

This Mass schedule will be implemented for one year, at which time the entire weekend Mass schedule in Midland will be reviewed.