

# 12TH CONCERT SEASON SCHEDULE

**Sunday, October 18, 2009**

3:00 pm

## **Illinois Brass Band**



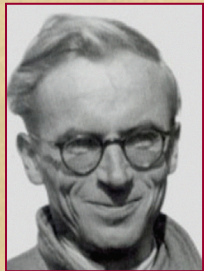
Now in its 18th year, the Illinois Brass Band is made up of 30 volunteer musicians

from all of Chicagoland. The group has won six national brass band championships, hosted a national competition, and competed at the British Open in Birmingham, England, all while maintaining a regular series of 15–20 concerts per year. The Holy Cross sanctuary is a fine venue for these musicians and we are proud to begin our concert season with their excellence in music making.

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**

9:30 am and 11:00 am services

## **A Little Advent Music by Hugo Distler**



Hugo Distler was a promising 20th century German composer whose life was cut all too short by events in Nazi Germany. The Holy Cross Choir, accompanied by two violins, flute, oboe, and narrator, will present "A Little Advent Music" by Hugo Distler. Featuring some familiar Advent

chorales this is a subdued choral work in the true spirit of Advent. Our narrator will be Holy Cross member Becky Bartsch, whose dramatic skills will enhance our performance of the piece immensely.

**Saturday, January 16, 2010**

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

## **Frank Portolese, jazz guitar**



Frank Portolese, Green Oaks resident and frequent performer on our concert series, will return, accompanied by double bass and drums, to entertain one and all with a variety of jazz arrangements. Frank will perform in our customary "coffeehouse" setting and beverages will be served.

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

## **Jason Deroche, guitar Mark Brewer, harp**



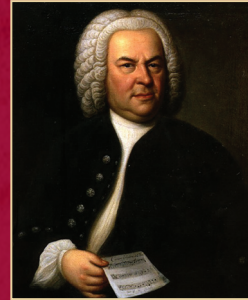
The Deroche-Brewer Duo will present our annual coffeehouse concert for the benefit of the youth of Holy Cross. These gentlemen gave their first concert in November 2007, at the Redeemer Lutheran

Church in Elmhurst to much acclaim and have been performing throughout the Chicago area ever since. Jason Deroche is said to be one of the most exciting guitarists of his generation. Mark Brewer has performed professionally for more than 30 years and performs regularly with the New Millennium Orchestra and the Chicago Jazz Orchestra. Their performance at Holy Cross will be an evening of pleasant and easy listening in a variety of styles.

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

9:30 am to noon

## **BACHFEST**



Johann Sebastian Bach was born on March 21, 1685 in Eisenach, Germany and baptized two days later at St. George's Lutheran Church. On the occasion of the 325th anniversary of the birthday of this great composer, a variety of singers and

instrumentalists from Holy Cross and guest artists will combine to present a series of Bach works in a spirit of celebration.

Most appropriately, the opening work for the morning will be choral cantata #80 based on the chorale by Luther "Ein feste Burg." The Brandenburg Concerto #2 and the famous Toccata & Fugue in D Minor for organ will follow. Additional pieces on the program will be the double concerto for violin and oboe and the solo cantata "Ich habe genug." Commentary will also be offered to enhance the proceedings.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to stay from 9:30 am to noon to experience our BACHFEST, but breaks in the program will allow listeners to come and go as they please. Included in the activities will be our customary Sunday morning children's sermon, a congregational hymn or two, and other essential parts of the service.

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