



*Faith,
Academics,
Life...*



The mission of Saint Brigid School, in partnership with family, parish and community, is to educate and encourage students to reach their potential – mind, body and spirit – in an inclusive environment of support, understanding and Catholic values.

From the Principal's Desk

Change. Change was a big part of Bishop Cistone's ministry. He was called to change as he left Philadelphia and all that he knew to come to Saginaw. After being here only a short time, he was asked to restructure the parishes to create more vibrant communities. Change. And this past week, Bishop Cistone passed away after a long fight with cancer. Change.

Our students and staff grades 3-8 had the privilege to be able to go to Saginaw to pray for Bishop Cistone and to see him as he lie in state. Our students conducted themselves with reverence and respect that made me proud of our Catholic schools and sure that my calling to this position was an important one. It made me realize that we can make the world a better place; one day, one effort, one student at a time. Bishop Cistone helped the Diocese of Saginaw to change for the better.

We have big shoes to fill but we, too, can change the world for the better. When we smile at those we encounter, when we care for the poor, when we welcome the stranger in our midst, when we share what we have been given, both in material goods and our talents, when we see all those around us as beloved children of God, we can change the world.

We pray that Bishop Cistone may forever be held in the loving embrace of our Father. We pray that his family may be comforted and strengthened as they deal with their changed lives. We pray that we may follow in the bishop's example of change for a better world, one small act at a time.

Laura E. Wilkowski



✠ Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. ☩ 5:30 p.m.

Important Dates:

- October 29** Permission slips for Blessed Sacrament Mass due
- October 30** Black and Orange Day, all students K-8
- October 31** Halloween Parade and parties
- November 1** MPS buses at St. Brigid at 8:30 a.m. for 9 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament
- November 2** Stay-n-play, End of marking period
- November 9** Veteran's Day Ceremony, 8:30 am; students may wear red, white and blue clothing
- November 9** Brown bag lunch with principal, 11:30 a.m.
- November 11-15** Book Fair

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints**
9:00 a.m. School Mass at Blessed Sacrament
12:05 p.m. Mass at Saint Brigid
6:30 p.m. Mass at Assumption
- November 2: All Souls Day**
8:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Brigid
Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition follows until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:00 p.m.
- November 4: Youth Ministry Vocations Holy Hour** 6:30 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Brigid

Emerald Evening
Presents
THE ROARING TWENTIES
November 10, 2018
5:00 pm
Midland Country Club!



Bidding for Good

This year our Emerald Evening will have an online component using software called *Auctria*. We will provide a link as the evening draws near. This component of our program will allow those who are unable to be there to bid on silent auction items even before the night of the Emerald Evening. This is a perfect way for family and friends from far away to help us in our efforts. Please stay tuned for more information!

It is not too late to get your tickets for the Emerald Evening or for the raffle. Both tickets are going fast so get yours today!

Halloween Fun

On Tuesday, October 30, all students in grades K-8 are invited to wear orange and black in anticipation of Halloween!

K-5 grade students will have a Halloween parade in costume around the downtown businesses on Wednesday, October 31. Please have a costume for students to put on after lunch that does not include a mask or hat that covers their face. No weapons of any kind are allowed to be worn or carried. Costumes should not be violent in nature. If there are questions on what constitutes a weapon, please email Mrs. Wilkowski.

Middle School students will have a party in the middle school rooms to include a "scary" movie, board games and non-violent and school appropriate video games. Middle School students may also change into costumes after lunch.

Mass with Blessed Sacrament

On November 1, All Saints Day, Saint Brigid students will board a bus and go to Blessed Sacrament to have Mass together at 9 am. Permission slips should have gone home and are due back by Monday, October 29. This is a wonderful way for us to grow our Catholic community!

Veterans' Day Assembly

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, for our annual Veteran's Day Celebration. Josh High will be here to speak about his experiences. The assembly will be held in the Cardinal Hickey Parish Hall. Please invite the veterans in your family; Dads, Moms, Grandfathers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers, Sisters, neighbors who are or have served in the military. **All students may wear red, white, and blue clothing to show your patriotism.**



Inclement Weather Policy

Saint Brigid School follows the procedure of the Midland Public Schools when concerning inclement weather. The radio and TV stations, will announce the closing of the Midland Public School Classes on a particular day, usually between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. When M.P.S. is closed, Saint Brigid School is also closed. In the event of a school delay for M.P.S., we will also delay the same amount of time. For example, if there is a two-hour delay, the school building will be open at 9:30 a.m. and will start at 9:55 a.m. (two hours after usual starting time of 7:55 a.m.).



Stay-'n-Play update

We continue to have lots of children coming to Stay-'n-Play on Friday mornings! If you know someone who is looking for a place for their children to play on these dreary days, please tell them about Stay-'n-Play. It is for children ages infant through five years old. Join us every Friday 9 – 10:30 a.m. from October through March in our school gym. It costs \$1.00 per family. Thank you to Belinda Blasy, Val Whiteley, and Jamie Budd who are supervising the Stay-'n-Play time. And a BIG thank you to all of the families who donated toys for the program! We couldn't do it without YOU!



Saint Brigid Middle School Athletics

Stay up to date on Sports Schedules and other important information at:

<https://stbrigid-midland.org/school/middle-school-2/athletics/>



Scholastic Book Fair

The **Fall Book Fair** is just around the corner. The profits from the book fair help to fund all our libraries (elementary, middle school, after school and teacher's).

The Book Fair dates and hours are

Nov 11, Sunday:	10:00 – 11:00 and 12:30 – 1:00
Nov 12, Monday:	7:30 – 6:00 – Looking day during the school day
Nov 13, Tuesday:	7:30 – 6:00 – Buying Day during the school day
Nov 14, Wednesday:	7:30 – 8:15 and 2:30 – 6:00 – Buying Day
Nov 15, Thursday:	7:30 – 8:15 and 11:00 – 12:00 – Buying Day

There are many categories of books available from Pre-School – Christian Interest – Cooking – Spanish and the always coveted Believe-It-or-Not books. There are even books for adults to read that don't have pictures in them!

There will be a Volunteer sign up on Sign Up Genius and it will be sent to you later.

Picture Retakes

If you were not completely satisfied with your students' school pictures, you may have pictures retaken on Wednesday, November 11 beginning at 11 am. Because of the fact that this is a Mass day, students are required to wear Mass uniforms. Students may, however, change their shirt before pictures (or their dress). They do not have to change back but uniform pants will be required for the remainder of the day.



Emerald Evening Dinner tickets are going quickly, get yours today!

Cash raffle tickets also available in the school office or from any Emerald Evening committee member. Don't wait until it is too late, get yours today!

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 4-10, 2018

Next week we pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, married life, and the generous single life throughout the United States.

- Join our youth for a special Holy Hour featuring Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration and prayer for an increase in vocations, Sunday, Nov. 4th at 6:30 p.m..
- Tune in Sunday, November 4th at 8:00 p.m. for a Facebook Live Event featuring Fr. Andy Booms and Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera on the topic of vocations! **Submit your questions to them live!**



Stay-n-Play Fridays

For 2 – 5 -year-olds, but infants and toddlers are also welcome! Rainy day? Stuck inside? Need to expend some energy? Want to spend time with other toddlers and caregivers? Come and enjoy our gym and play equipment! \$1.00/family. Every Friday, October through March, 9:00 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.

St. Brigid



Thank you for being a Saint Brigid Knight!

