



Saint Brigid
Catholic School
A community fully alive in Christ



Our Mission:

At Saint Brigid of Kildare, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, we find life in Christ by gathering disciples for worship, service, and education.

From the Principal's Desk

Growing up, it was expected of me to give up eating desserts during Lent. As such, I have passed on that observance to my children. At Easter, we are rewarded for our abstinence from the sweets by a basket full of goodies, which we consume quickly and return to our previous ways of eating. How have I been changed by the practice? In truth, I have not truly been changed.

This year, I would like to suggest to my family and to others that we focus much more closely on the practice of adding something in rather than solely taking something out. What if each day, we were to keep track of one way in which we served others. It can be small as a kind word to someone who needed it or as visible as volunteering for the open door. What if we tried harder to focus on what we could be doing for others and for God? What if in making a conscious effort to add these things in during Lent, we continued to make a conscious effort to make these actions a part of our everyday life.

Mahatma Ghandi said, "We must become the change we wish to see in the world." I wish for a world where people go out of their way to be kind to others, where words are carefully chosen so as not to hurt another's feelings, where we work to use words to life others up, not to tear them down. I wish for a world where no one is hungry because each shares what they have, where no one is homeless and everyone is treated with the dignity that we all possess as children of God. If I dream these things for the world, I must be a part of the change. I will strive to use this Lent to be the change I want to see. I encourage you to think about the change you wish to see and then be a part of that change.

May your Lenten journey leads you to a better you, a closer relationship with God and a chance to see God's plan for you to be part of the change you wish to see.

Laura E. Wilkowski

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

Important Dates:

Wednesday, 3/13/19, 1 pm- 2 pm Preschool Storytime

Thursday, 3/14/19, Book Fair Ends
Walkathon T-shirt Designs are due
Head to Head Meet beginning at 4pm - Central Auditorium

Friday, 3/15/19, 9 AM Stay n Play
Brown bag lunch day for all students
K-5 Sports Day Spirit Wear
Fish Fry - bake sale Athletics

Saturday, 3/16/19, 10 AM- 4pm Building Tours as part of
Downtown Presents
St. Patrick's Day Dinner, KofC

Monday, 3/18/19, PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 3/19/19, 9:45 4th grade to MPS music concert
6:30 School Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 3/20/19, 1 pm 3rd grade to Riverside

Thursday, 3/21/19, 2 pm Walkathon Pep Rally
Head to head Finals

Friday, 3/22/19, end of 3rd marking period
Fish Fry- bake sale for 4th grade

**Thank you for being a
Saint Brigid Knight!**

Saint Brigid welcomes Trevor Szafranski

On Monday we welcomed Mr. Trevor Szafranski, Author of, "Never Walk Alone" to our school! He gave a wonderful presentation to students to discuss how he became a writer but more importantly, he encouraged our students to dream big, work hard, and pray always! Those who bought signed copies of the books can expect them in the next ten days. They had not yet arrived from his publisher but will be in soon! What a wonderful way to kick on March into Reading Month!



Cold Lunch Friday

This Friday, March 15, all students K-8 will be required to pack a cold lunch due to the fact that there is both a funeral luncheon and fish fry preparations occurring in the cafeteria. We apologize for this late notice and appreciate your understanding.



ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS! We've got some awesome summer events coming up that are open to 8th graders who will be entering high school next year! June 14th-16th we will be taking a group to a Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Ohio. On June 25th, we will be joining high school youth from across our diocese and the Diocese of Detroit for the Summer Youth Gathering, a day of fun and relaxation as we kayak/canoe/tube down the Cedar River in Gladwin. Chaperones are welcome and needed for both events. If either of these are of interest to your 8th grader, please contact Katie Lyon for more details at klyon@stbrigid-midland.org. Our high schoolers look forward to welcoming the 8th graders into high school YM at both of these events!

Saint Brigid Book Fair

Another great way to celebrate March into Reading Month is by going to the Book Fair. The Book Fair ends on Thursday, March 14 so get your books today! Remember that in doing so you are helping our library as well!

Welcome our newest Saint Brigid family member!

Congratulations to Luke Cusack! He and his wife Melinda and his daughter Cecelia welcomed a new baby girl, Zelie Lorraine on February 23, 2019. Mom and baby are healthy and doing well!

Nouvel Night

We hosted a Nouvel/ASC informational night on Monday, February 11. We had four families to attend. There is interest in finding out how many families would go to one or the other if there was transportation since the superintendent indicated that if there was enough of a need he could justify a bus.

Walkathon

It's that time of year again. We are seeking your help for the annual Guardian Angel Walk-a-thon. On Sunday, May 19, we will walk two miles to raise scholarship funds to help students achieve their dream of a Catholic education. **This year, if we reach \$15,000 in pledges, an anonymous donor will match that with an additional \$15,000!** Our Walkathon Pep Rally will be held on Thursday, March 21st. Students will receive a packet on this day with pledge cards and instructions. Prizes for the walkathon will be revealed at this assembly as well!

8th grade Cathedral Mass and Graduation mass

The eighth grade class will be participating in the mass at the Cathedral for all Saginaw Diocese eighth graders on Friday, May 3rd at 10:30 AM. This mass is in addition to the mass on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Students will be expected to wear mass attire to both events.

Due to the inclement weather eighth grade graduation has been moved to Sunday, June 9th at 5:30 pm mass with a dinner and reception to follow in the gym. The festivities will last until approximately 8:30 pm.

Student Council

We are once again having a penny war to raise funds for Open Door in conjunction with a Bullock Creek High School Senior Project being led by former Saint Brigid Graduate, Bronwyn Crawford.

The spirit day is sports day On March 15th. On this day K-5 can wear sports related clothing including team wear but no accessories such as helmets, gloves, hockey sticks, etc.

Fish Fry updates

Our first fish fry brought in approximately 530 people to the gym for dinner and 120 take-out meals. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made that happen. If you cannot make it to a fish fry, you can still help by sharing the event via Facebook so that more people see the posting. The bake sale this Friday (the 15th) benefits our Athletics program. The bake sale on the 20th benefits our fourth grade field trip to Mackinaw Island.

Afterhours Apologetics:

Do you have a burning question about Catholic teachings? Everyone in high school or above (parents too!) is invited to join us monthly for a conversation about our core Catholic beliefs. This month's topic is the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Please contact Katie Lyon if you think you might attend, RSVP not required. 8th graders are welcome to come for a taste of high school YM! Want to submit a topic for discussion?

Future discussion dates:

April 9, May 23, June 11, July 23, August 13

Email Katie at klyon@stbrigid-midland.org.

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."

-Saint Augustine

SCRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Please read the following message from Jean Cronin, our current SCRIP coordinator:

Hello scrip aficionados! We are looking for a couple of people to step up and help with scrip coordination for next year and beyond. Before you say no and run screaming, please take a breath and hear me out.

Next year will be Luke's last year at St. Brigid, and we'd like to train the new scrip coordinator while I'm still active with the program. Also, this year is Ann Vican's last year as backup scrip coordinator, so we really need to bring two people up to speed.

Scrip coordination is not an extremely time consuming role. However, it is a role that requires a bit of time several times a week to enter family orders and to submit and receive purchase orders. The online system that we subscribe to does all of the work for maintaining inventory and calculating rebates/TRP. Also, most of the role can be done remotely if needed. There are other monthly, quarterly, and annual tasks, but again they don't take more than an hour or so with the systems that are already set up.

The good news is that Rebecca Pider handles the volunteer sign ups and the local vendors, and her youngest is only in 1st grade. I think that we have a candidate to take over the weekly scrip newsletter for several years as well.

Please prayerfully consider whether you can help take on either of these two roles or even part of these roles. If you're not sure or just a tiny bit interested, please let me know so I can talk to you and show you what's required.

SCRIP Update!

Great news - Great Lakes Ice Cream and The Common Grounds Shoppe have both joined our scrip program. Great Lakes Ice Cream is offering 25% (!!) rebate on \$5 gift certificates, and The Common Grounds Shoppe is offering 10% discount on \$10 and \$20 gift cards. These retailers joined as a result of scrip customer survey earlier this year, so thanks for your help in improving the program.

Quarter 3 of scrip calendar ended on Feb. 28, and TRP emails will be sent out soon. If you need to know how close your family is to achieving \$100 minimum for PTO, just shoot an email to stbrigidscrip@hotmail.com. Just a reminder that scrip year ends May 31, so there's still time to earn money for PTO and for your family's tuition. If you're new to the program, just start with scrip for gas and groceries - you'll always need those. Families have already earned over \$2600 in tuition rebates this year with two families over \$500 each!!! Stop by the scrip sales table (Monday and Friday, 2:45 - 3:15 pm and Friday, 7:30 - 7:55 am) to learn more.

With spring break coming up shortly, don't forget to buy scrip for any trips you might be taking. Whether you just need gas to visit family or you need hotel and rental car, Great Lakes Scrip Co. carries cards for lots of travel-related retailers. Just be sure to order before 8 am on March 19 so we can be sure to get the cards to you on March 22. Here are just a few of the retailers: Speedway, Marathon, Shell, Exxon, AirBnB, Best Western, Choice Hotels, Hilton Hotels, Hyatt Hotels, Avis, and Budget. Check out signs on school doors for more info, or check shopwithscrip.com for full list of retailers.

Snow Day Reschedules

The state already allows us to have six snow days each year as these are considered to be an act of God. Legislation has already proposed to excuse an additional three days. This would bring the total allowable snow days to nine. These nine days plus the three additional days we plan to make up would give us a total of 1096.17 hours, still above the required 1090 per year.

I am proposing the following changes for June:

June 2- 8th grade graduation moves to June 9th

June 6th- full day of school

June 7th- full day of school

June 9th- 8th grade graduation

June 10th- full day of school

June 11th- school picnic with dismissal at 12:30 pm

June 12th school day/mass with dismissal at 11:30

To accommodate the changes in the schedule, eighth grade graduation will also be moved to June 9th to allow students in eighth grade to attend school until June 7th. After graduation on the 9th, students in eighth grade do not need to return for the additional days (June 10-12).

Open Enrollment has Begun

Our open enrollment period began February 11th for the middle school and kindergarten open houses. Open enrollment for all grades is now in effect. For families whose children currently attend, re-enrollment is made easier this year! Log in to your Skyward family access, look for a green header that says **2019-2020 Online Re-Enrollment is now open until 08/30/2019. Each child's name should be listed below the header. The last step in your online enrollment process is a link that will take you to the remainder of the forms to be completed.**

Saginaw Diocese Scholarship for New Students

The Welcome Scholarship fund is a new program open to any student not previously enrolled in a Catholic school of the Saginaw Diocese, regardless of religious affiliation or household income. The scholarship is being funded by a generous \$100,000 contribution from the Saginaw-based Wolohan Family Foundation, with a match by the Diocese.

The Diocese will offer \$1,000 scholarships for high school students; \$750 for grades 1-8; and \$500 for every kindergarten student.

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.



Saint Brigid Athletics

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

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



Mark your calendar for our Annual St. Brigid School Sports Banquet on Monday April 8th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the gym!

Reminder: Athletic Bake Sale at the Fish Fry this Friday March 15th, bring your treats, volunteering hands and an appetite for Fish & Fabulous Treats!!!

The Saint Brigid Athletic Department is pleased to announce that we have two 3/4th Basketball Teams and two Girls Volleyball Teams for the Spring 2019 Season!

Green Team

1. Samuel Trippeer
2. Charlie Malecki
3. Sam Dub
4. Phineas Edmonds
5. Everett Keyes
6. Harper Keyes
7. Reese Whiteley
8. Gwen Thill
9. Jane Deeth

Coaches: Michael Trippeer, Chris Malecki, Luke Storey

White Team

1. Jack Young
2. Drew Dittenber
3. Bennet Gipson
4. Elias Young
5. Theo Ell
6. Camille Malkowski
7. Sophie Stamas
8. Maggie Wilkowski
9. Alyssa VanSumeren

Coaches: Jack Young, Dave Dittenber, Patrick Gipson, Michael Wilkowski

Remaining Athletic Games:

Wed. 3/13 8th Girls volleyball @ St. Brigid 6:00pm
 1) St. Brigid
 2) Saginaw Prep Academy
 3) Midland Academy

Wed. 3/13 3/4th Basketball @ St. Michael
 6:45pm St. Michael Gold vs St. Brigid
 Green

Mon. 3/18 6-7th Girls volleyball @ St. Brigid 6:00pm
 1) Nouvel Blue
 2) St. Michael
 3) St. Brigid

Mon. 3/18 8th Girls Volleyball @ All Saints 6:00pm
 1) All Saints
 2) St. Brigid
 3) Midland Academy

Wed. 3/20 3/4th Basketball @ St. Brigid
 5:00pm St. Joseph vs St. Elizabeth
 5:45pm St. Brigid White vs St. Joseph
 6:30pm St. Brigid White vs St. Brigid
 Green

Wed. 4/3 8th Girls volleyball @ St. Elizabeth
 6:00pm
 1) St. Elizabeth
 2) St. Brigid
 3) Midland Academy

6-7th Girls Volleyball

1. Delaney Lovely
2. McKinley Danner
3. Gabrielle Stockton
4. Emma Andrus
5. Eve Jenkins
6. Cambelle Annelin
7. Ava Friedman
8. Tianna Vajcner

Coaches: Jean Cronin, Maryanne Wright, Creighton Annelin

8th Girls Volleyball

1. Raegan Woodiwiss
2. Caitlin Markel
3. Liesl Grossman
4. Jenna Nyman
5. Cheryl Fritz
6. Rachael Cain
7. Eden Friedman
8. Clara Allington
9. Norah Allington

Coaches: Amy Sommer, Kathy Fritz