

Saint Brigid Newsletter– Sixty-First Edition, 10/19/ 2020

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 (Back at the Desk!!)



October is a month where it is common for Catholics to reflect on the rosary and on Mother Mary.

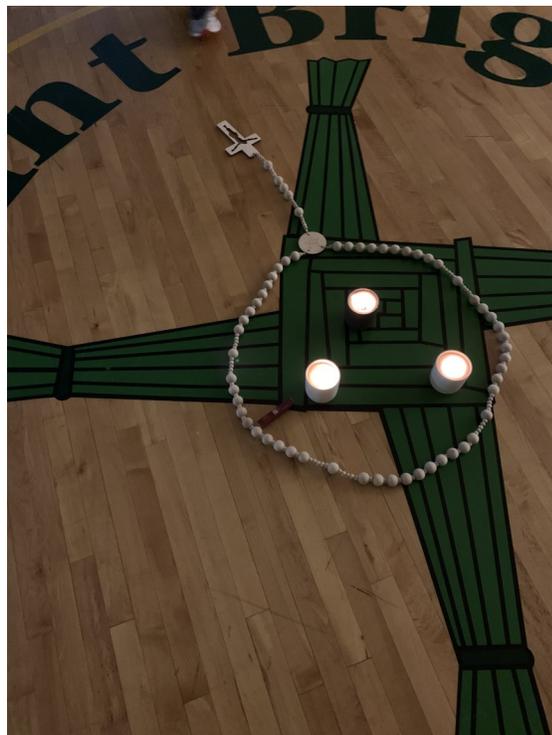
In keeping with this tradition, the staff at Saint Brigid started our professional day with SoulCore, an active strengthening and stretching reflection using the prayers of the rosary. It was a way to build community within the staff, to reflect on our faith, and an opportunity to get in a work out. For the last two weeks, we have been putting together a Living Rosary Google slide that includes videos of our students saying the prayers of the rosary. I have been impressed with how many students were able to say these prayers without any written words. Many of them even told me that they regularly say the rosary with their family. In addition, we have started to include prayers as part of our morning announcements. For the month of October we have focused on the prayers of the rosary.

It can be very hard to incorporate prayer into our busy lives but here we have found several ways to incorporate the prayers of the rosary into our daily routine. How different life might be if a reflection on each of these prayers could be a part of all facets of our life.

I am in awe of how completely devoted Mary was to her son, Jesus, and how faithful to God. The rosary is a way for us to pray for our needs in the presence of others, with persistence, and in a way that allows for us to become centered, calm and disciplined about prayer.

I will admit that I have not been good about praying the rosary regularly. This month was a reminder of why we do it and that it is never too late to start.

Laura E. Wilkowski



Holiday Travel Plans and Student/Staff Safety

With the upcoming holiday, I am getting an increasing amount of questions about what can and cannot be planned. I would ask the following; as you travel either within or outside of the state, please be aware of rates of COVID transmission and act accordingly, either refraining from travel to any area with higher risk assessments or practicing firm social distancing guidelines. With family visits, it is hard to think about masks and keeping distances of six feet yet current rates are going up because of family gatherings, dinners, weddings, and funerals. The CDC expects a significant increase in the rates of transmission with the next couple weeks. Remember that your health screening form does not ask specifically about travel. However, we are asking that if you have travelled away from your house for more than 24 hours that you quarantine for 10 calendar days. If there are no symptoms that develop during that time, your student is free to return to school. If you need to quarantine out of an abundance of caution, please let the school know so that teachers can prepare materials for your student and make contact with students via phone, zoom, or other method. This plan was not created for any reason other than to keep staff and students safe and in school. We have held tightly to our proposed guidelines and have been fortunate that we have had no incidence to date of COVID infection. Please understand that it is our primary goal to keep staff and students safely in school for face-to-face instruction, as we know this is what is best. Thank you for working with us to adhere to these guidelines.

For more information, please go to the CDC state by state information at :

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html#travel-2>

All Saints Icons

November 1st is All Saints Day. The Saints are our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have “fought the good fight, run the race, and kept the faith.” They are examples that we can learn from about living in this world and striving to follow Christ. We can all be saints and these holy men and women show us how. We would like to invite the children of the Parish to spend some time with their Heavenly Family and learn about them. We would like anyone who wishes to research a Saint and create an icon. It can be discovering a patron saint of something close to their heart, like an occupation they like or an issue they have experienced. I personally have had a lot of issues with my teeth and this led me to the life of Saint Apollonia (patron saint of those with tooth issues). There are many young Saints in the Church and some that are lesser known but have beautiful life stories. There are Saints from all over the world and Saints who are so universally loved, we know their stories well. Use this as an opportunity to explore someone new or someone close to your heart.

If you would like to participate, we ask families to drop off their icons to the parish office or school office by October 30th. This will give us time to arrange them around the Baptismal Font in Church so everyone can see. We are united with the Saints in our common Baptism! They will be on display in the Church until the 1st Sunday of Advent. If your child would like their image back, we will have them on a table in the back of the Church at that time, so please write your names on the back!

You can make this as simple or as involved as you would like! If your child would like to simply color or draw an image of a saint, they can! CatholicKid.com has some wonderful images and they are free to print. I've included the link below. We would place these images in a plastic sheath for display in the Church. If you would like to make something more solid, we have a few easy examples of how to make an icon below.....with pictures!

<https://www.thecatholickid.com/category/catholic-coloring-pages/saint-coloring-pages/>

Halloween Parade

In keeping with our tradition of dressing up for Halloween and walking around downtown trick or treating, we will be planning for a similar event this year. Due to COVID-19 health and safety standards, the parade will look a little different. Participating business will place prepackaged snacks and treats on a table for students to come by and pick up. Students and participating business people will be masked. It is a good idea to incorporate the mask into the costume. Room parents or other designated parents may accompany the teacher on this walk. Parents are invited to watch from their cars or from across the street. We do ask that only the designated room parent walk with the class for contact tracing reasons. All grades K-8 will take part with adequate distance between groups.

Fourth Graders Take on Book Character Roles

Fourth graders dressed up as their book character and presented to the class for their first Book Report.



2nd Grade News:

October is the month of the Rosary. Second grade has been learning about the Rosary and the mysteries that represent the significant events in the life of Jesus Christ. They have recited the Rosary together as a class and created their own Rosary with Fruit Loops and Gummy Lifesavers. They will conclude their learning this week but hopefully will continue to recite the prayer throughout their lives.



Parent Teacher Conferences

We have received approval only yesterday to do in-person Parent-Teacher Conferences with some modifications to our November schedule.

Thursday, November 12th was initially scheduled to be a half-day of school. It is now a day off from school so that we can have in-person conferences on the evening of Wednesday, November 11th from 4:30-8 pm. Because of the extra people in the building, there will be no after-school care on Wednesday, November 11th (a scheduled full day of school).

There will be no school on Thursday, November 12th. Conferences will be scheduled between the hours of 8 AM -8 PM. There is no school on Friday, November 13th to allow for cleaning and disinfecting.

Parents will be required to complete a health screening, to sanitize and sign in at each room and to wear a mask. In addition, all restrooms will be closed except for the lobby bathrooms. We are also asking that children not attend the conferences. If you are not comfortable with in-person conferences, you may schedule a virtual conference.

You may sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences on our Google Sheets page which we will share with you tomorrow. Please add your name and number but do not change any other information. We have scheduled time for cleaning in between conferences.

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Hamburger or Cheeseburger Deluxe Toppings French Fries</p> <p>11/2</p>	<p>French Toast Sticks (3) Sausage St. B's Treat*</p> <p>11/3</p>	<p><i>Spaghetti Day!</i> Spaghetti, Sauce & 3 meatballs Garlic Bread & Vegetable</p> <p>11/4</p>	<p>Soft or Hard Taco Mexican Rice</p> <p>11/5</p>	<p><i>Pizza, Pizzas!</i> Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza Frozen Treat*</p> <p>11/6</p>
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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Alternate Meals Available Daily:
 01: Super Milk*
 02: Perfect Fajita!
 03: Pizza Lunchable
 Wobwouter Sandwich
 (with or without jelly)
 Turkey Deli or Wrap
 (with or without cheese)
 Salami Deli or Wrap
 (with or without cheese)

Due to Covid-19 and current restrictions, the salad bar will not be available. We will have individual portions of fruit, small salads, extra cheese, apple sauce & fresh vegetables and dip available for the students. Milk is also included.
Lunch \$3.00
 A.A. Care
 Milk (Flavored and unflavored): \$0.90
 Yogurt or Ice-Cream: \$0.90
 Extra Entree: \$3.00

Please Note:
 Extra entree for 4th grade and up only.
 * = Very Veggie (Vegan Option) - All grades
 M5 = Option for 9th and up
 *served to all lunches ordered

Given Free items available.
 Please contact Cook VanSumeren for more information: 989-839-7122 x 64

