

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



My husband and I are reading and discussing a book called “Three Secrets to Holiness in Marriage” by Dan and Amber Dematte, with a couple of friends. The most recent chapter had a profound effect on me.

In this chapter, the author asks us to think about the following situation. Imagine a criminal, who has had every wonderful opportunity in his life; a good family, his physical and emotional needs met, and a good job, however, he continues to make bad choices over and over. The criminal now sits on death row. Someone knocks on your door and asks if your child could come and take the place of that criminal and die for his sins. Would you do it? I think the answer for most people would be no. My innocent child should not have to die for sins that the other person freely chose. And yet, that is exactly what God asks of his Son. And that is exactly what Jesus chose to do for us., out of his own free will. It’s a very radical idea. Equally radical is that if we are to call ourselves Christians, we are called to do the same. What does that mean for us?

It means that we are called to live our lives thinking not about our own needs and wants, but about others’. It means that loving others should influence all that we do.

I challenged myself to try to live this way for two weeks. I tried very hard to put the needs of others over my own to see what would be different.

Important Dates

- 4/21: 7th Grade Mass
Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8pm
- 4/22: No School for Students
Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30am-8pm
- 4/23: No School for Students
St. Brigid Cleans Up Midland Service Project
- 4/24: FACTS enrollment opens for next year
- 4/28: 6th Grade Mass
- 5/5: 3rd Grade Mass-May Crowning
- 5/7: No School for Students-PD Day for Staff
- 5/13: Student Council Spirit Day

I will begin by confessing that many times I realized that I had not been doing that. My own needs for sleep, or space, or my desires for being early to work, etc. put my needs and wants ahead of my children, my husband, or others in my life.

However, when I did put others’ needs ahead of my own, I found that my life was *more* joyful, *less* stressful and my energies were *more* fulfilled than when I put myself first.

The idea is radical in its simplicity- put others first, act out of love for others. The carrying out of the idea is not always so simple. Thinking about it is not enough. I am reminded of the song, “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.” How will they know *you* are a Christian?

Laura E. Wilkowski

Parent/Teacher Conferences and NO School on Thursday, 4/22 or Friday 4/23

Just a reminder to sign up for parent-teacher conferences. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have not scheduled a conference time yet. Students have only three days of school this week as Thursday we are running conferences all day and Friday we have no school.

COVID Update

We currently have 2 students and 3 staff members quarantined as a result of recent cases of COVID-19. This serves as a reminder to us that we need to continue to practice such protocols as mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing. Please remember to also continue to complete the Skyward Wellness Screenings for your child(ren) each morning (before arrival to school) and keep your child(ren) home that do not meet the screening requirements. Thank you for your continued cooperation at keeping our school safe.

PTO Officers Elected

At Monday night's PTO meeting, the following new officers were elected:

Teresa George, President. Teresa is mother to Gigi in 3rd grade. Teresa has also helped out with our Emerald Evening!

Richard Adam, Treasurer. Richard and his wife Tami, have one child at Saint Brigid, Luke, in 1st grade. Richard also helps out with the SCRIP program!

Congratulations to our new officers and many thanks to Scott Keyes and Max Schneider for your service to our PTO! You have some big shoes to fill!

Sick Days

If your child ***needs*** to stay home, please contact the school each morning that they are out to let us know so that they can be marked as an excused absence. **You may call or email Ryan Delaney at 835-9481 ext. 48 or rdelaney@stbrigid-midland.org**

Don't forget to check in each morning using the Skyward app to do your child's wellness screenings!

Friday, April 23rd, Saint Brigid Cleans Up Midland Service Project

Don't forget! On Friday, April 23, 2021 (a day off of school), we are asking for all families to participate in the Clean Up Midland service project voted on by student council, right in your neighborhood. While you are cleaning up, take some pictures (some of you, some of the before/after) and post them to our Parent's page on Facebook! We will do a media release and include some photos for the Midland Daily News! Thanking you for making our city beautiful as we celebrate our Earth this month!



Altar Servers

Calling all Saint Brigid Catholic students 4th grade and up! We are in need of altar servers for each of our weekend Mass times (9:00, 11:30, and 5:30) as well as school Masses. If your children are interested in becoming altar servers for the parish, please contact Fran Thiel at fthiel@stbrigid-midland.org and provide her with names and the Mass times you'd like to serve at. Thank you!

End of Year Celebrations

It's hard to believe the end of the school year is right around the corner! As with everything else this year, the end of the year celebrations will look different than normal but will still take place! Each classroom will have an individual picnic, arranged by the teacher and room parent. The End of Year Mass will be held outside on 6/10/21 at 10:00am, with dismissal following.

Scrip Program

It is time for our end of year SCRIP contest. Every order over \$50 placed between now and May 1st earns your child(ren) an entry into a drawing for a class to win an ice cream party! Orders can be placed online or in person so start today!



Saint Brigid Spotlight

Dottie Norris is the focus of this week's staff spotlight. Dottie has agreed to a variety of roles in which she could help us this year- as a reading tutor, a recess monitor, and an after-school care lead teacher.

This week she also stepped up to be a long-term substitute in 3rd grade for Ms. Adam , who had to quarantine for close contact.

As a recess monitor, Dottie has gloves, band-aids, and magic mints- prepared for any emergency! As a reading tutor, Dottie is diligent about to ensure success. As an after-school care lead teacher, Dottie has revamped and updated parent paperwork and helped us to schedule

Ever cheerful, she heads the staff and hot chocolates to staff having bringing cheer to all that you

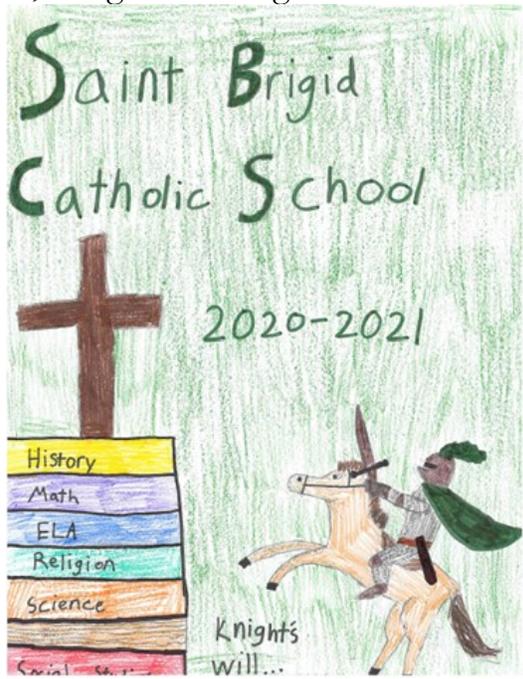


meeting with students and teachers care lead teacher, Dottie has handbooks, filed and approved staff training opportunities.

sunshine committee, bringing coffee birthdays! Thank you, Dottie, for encounter and giving your job 110%!

Yearbook Cover Winners

Congratulations to all who submitted covers for the yearbook cover contest. We had 31 amazing entries! Our front cover winner was Reina Prior, 4th grade and our back cover design was Jayce Spearman, 3rd grade. Congratulations to both of you!



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We're the Proud Parents of...

Baby Quail! First graders have been learning about and incubating quail eggs. Over the weekend, we welcomed five into the world and one more on Monday! We still have 19 eggs left so we may have more siblings join the others! Mrs. Brushaber, Mrs. Heminger and the first graders are so very excited and proud!



Essay Contest Winners

This week we continue to highlight the winners from The Saint Brigid Catholic School Essay Contest . Congratulations to all of our winners! And thank you to all of the students that took the time to write an essay and submit them. All of the essays were fantastic!

My name is Dan Schneider, I am a Catholic Christian, and I have been blessed with the opportunity to attend Saint Brigid Catholic School for nine years, from kindergarten to eighth grade. Throughout my years of schooling, I have been the recipient of a sound curriculum and plentiful enrichment of my Catholic faith as a whole. Saint Brigid, beside holding a strong curriculum and a bountiful teaching of faith, also carries with it a benevolent and friendly atmosphere, stemming from the incorporation of faith into students' lives. The overall core values of Saint Brigid school are worship, service, and education, which resonate within students of the school throughout their studies.

Saint Brigid Catholic School offers sturdy curriculum that enriches both a student's mind and faith, with course subjects being religion, mathematics, social studies, English, and science. All of these subjects are taught by teachers who are adept in their respective field, and hold an attitude of care for each of their students. In mathematics, there is an option to advance to a higher-grade level if it is suited for the individual student. The subject of religion is emphasized through a strong teaching of Catholicism and a weekly mass. Saint Brigid also incorporates service projects held through all grade levels in order to build on the benefits of generosity and kindness that are taught throughout all grades. During my years as an early middle school student, I had my share of stress and turmoil, but with the comfort of my friends, and with the help of the teachers, I greatly improved on my then-current situation. Saint Brigid School, as a whole, has an all-inclusive environment, and welcomes any new student with open arms in a warm welcome. The students themselves are very kind and benevolent, and this is reflected through every grade within the school. The faculty and staff of Saint Brigid also radiate this demeanor abundantly, mostly carrying a cheerful mood throughout the day. As I've emphasized before, there is never an under-abundance of cheer in Saint Brigid, there's always enough to go around. With such a positive environment, I am able to focus on building my relationship with Him.

I used to not feel a strong connection to God, but my connection was strengthened with steel wires during my years at Saint Brigid, where faith and religion are greatly explored, with a beneficial factor of weekly mass held every Wednesday. Saint Brigid school has helped me to grow substantially in my faith and resolve to serve Him through many factors, the main factor being a combination of the friendly demeanor of the school, the all-inclusive environment, the strong emphasis on faith, and the in-depth teaching of religion within Saint Brigid.

Even now, nine years after I was first enrolled in Saint Brigid as a kindergartner, Saint Brigid has shaped my spirit and resolved to that of service and kindness, and I owe that to the strong positive morals brought upon an Saint Brigid, and the attributes aforementioned. With such a benevolent environment, sound curriculum, and jolly atmosphere, I was able to immerse myself in my studies and focus on strengthening my faith. I am wholeheartedly grateful for the opportunity to attend Saint Brigid Catholic School in full, and I hope the students who do enroll in Saint Brigid School are welcome by the positive attributes the school has to offer.

8th grade essay contest winner- Dan Schneider