

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

From the Principal's Desk

What is the best gift you have ever received? My response would be my husband and children. I asked a few students this question. One said a jackhammer, two said a Barbie Dream House, a couple said being good at art, gymnastics, and building, one student said going to Saint Brigid (love the unsolicited marketing!). Others said their parents and their family. One kindergarten student without hesitating said, God!



I think it is easy to look at Lent as a time of suffering, of being without, and of our own despair. Granted, we are to reflect on those things so that we can repent and believe in the gospel. But I think Lent is easier when we see Jesus' life, love, death and resurrection as the greatest gift we have ever received.

The virtue of love means putting the needs of others before our own. It means loving God above all and loving our neighbors as ourselves. This is the example that Jesus set for us. Jesus so loved the Father that he laid down His life for us! For me! And not because I have lived a life worthy of this but because He loves me that much.

Important Dates

- 3/1: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
5th Grade Shadow Day
Lenten Fish Fry-4:30pm-7:00pm
- 3/2: First Reconciliation Retreat
- 3/4: No School-PD Day
- 3/6: Kindergarten Mass-8:00am
- 3/8: Lenten Fish Fry-4:30pm-7:00pm
- 3/11: PTO Meeting
- 3/13: Middle School Mass-8:00am
- 3/14: Staff Appreciation Lunch
School Reconciliation-1:30pm
Student Council Meeting-3:00pm
- 3/15: End of 3rd Marking Period
Student Council & Leadership Spirit Day

The changes we make over Lent are designed to help us to Love as He loves. Thank you Kindergarten for helping me to remember that. For anyone to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we must be like the little children.

What is the greatest gift you have ever received? Maybe we should spend some time reflecting on that.

Laura E. Wilkowski

Re-enrollment for Next Year

We haven't heard from some of you. We assume that anyone that has not contacted us is planning to come back, however, we can only hold a spot if you complete paperwork. If you have not already done so, please do so ASAP. Do not let financial reasons stop you from applying. We do have Guardian Angel Scholarships available. Allow your child to continue to grow in their relationship with God here at Saint Brigid! We are preparing our students not just for tomorrow, but for eternity.

We have transitioned all our enrollment forms to Digital Academy. When you log into your Digital Academy account you will see a yellow box in the right hand corner alerting you that enrollment forms are ready. Once you open the forms, you will be prompted to verify all existing information and provide some updated information. When you have completed all pages, you will submit electronically and receive an email receipt showing your paperwork was completed. The Parent-Parish Contact form will still need to be completed on paper since it has to be signed by your Parish priest before turning into the office. If you are a member of St. Brigid Parish, Fr. Andy will need to sign your contract in person before your registration is fully complete. We ask that you complete your forms as soon as possible.

If you know that your student will not be returning next year for any reason, please notify Mrs. Mitus.

Bake Sale Donations Needed

During the Lenten fish fries, the school is in charge of the bake sale offered to all dinner attendees. If you would like to help by donating baked goods for the sale, we would greatly appreciate it. The sign-up for this Friday's sale can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAFA828A6F5C16-48202474-fish>.

Treats should be individually packaged and nut-free. They can be dropped off at the school any Friday of a fish fry before 4:00pm. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Talk About It Tuesdays!

Tune in March 12, 2024 at 6PM as we talk about Managing Screen Time, Social Media dangers and much more! This is a very relevant and important topic. Register by emailing Angelina Mitus at amitus@stbrigid-midland.org or calling the office!

March 4th PD-No School

A reminder that students do not have school on Monday, March 4th as we have a Diocesan Professional Development day.

Preparations for Lent

- Second grade will have their first reconciliation retreat on Saturday, March 2, 2024.
- Training for anyone who wishes to begin the ministry of Eucharistic Ministry at Sunday or school Masses or to the homebound will take place following the 11:30am Mass on March 3 with Fr. Andy in Church. Those who are currently practicing this ministry do not need to attend, only those who have not served in the parish or the Diocese of Saginaw before.
- Any student 3rd grade or older who would like to become an altar server or needs a refresher may attend a training with Fr. Andy on Sunday, March 10th at 12:30pm.
- Students will go to Reconciliation on Thursday, March 14th from 1:30-3:00 for grades 3-8. (due to reconciliation, we will move the spirit day to Friday, March 15th)
- All students grades K-8 will attend Stations of the Cross Monday, March 18th at 1:30 pm.

Parents are invited to join Saint Brigid Church every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross and Confession at 7:00pm. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00pm followed by a Cross Walk through the streets of Midland.

March Student Leadership and Student Council Spirit Day

Due to School Reconciliation begin held on March 14th, the spirit day will be moved to Friday, March 15th.

The K-5 Student Council has chosen grade level theme dress days:

5th Grade: Cowboy/western wear

4th grade: 90's clothing

3rd Grade: Barbie

2nd Grade: Sports day

1st Grade: Disney wear

Kindergarten: Animals

For their service project, they will be collecting toiletries for Open Door including laundry detergent, toothpaste, etc.

The Middle School has chosen pajama day for this Spirit Day. For service, they will be leading a Stations of the Cross for K-5 students, running the bake sale at the last two fish fries, and collecting personal care items for Open Door.

Emerald Evening Updates

I cannot thank enough all of the people who contributed to the Emerald Evening by serving on the committee, by volunteering to set up, clean up, attend, by sponsoring, by donating and by bidding! Saturday's event was a great success- we will have totals later- and a great time! What a fantastic community of supporters we have! I am truly humbled by all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

It's hard to believe but the end of the third marking period is just around the corner- March 15th. That means that we will hold parent/teacher conferences just before spring break. We have a half day of school on March 21st so we will have conferences between 12:15-8:00 PM on Thursday and Friday morning from 8AM-Noon. As always, if you will need a longer than usual conference, please reach out early to the classroom teacher to make arrangements for another time.

Girls on the Run

We are looking to create a Saint Brigid Girls on the Run team again this year. Their 10-week spring season will begin the week of March 18 and conclude with our GOTR 5K at the Greater Midland Dow RunWalk on Saturday, June 1. Practices will be held twice a week and days/times will be determined by the coaches.

If we have enough interest, we would love to have a 3rd-5th grade team and a 6th-8th grade team. If your student (girls only) would be interested in participating, please add your child's name to the google sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iVzgQ1kL0sQVk0TGBNF5-jibSTpZSQfLCwVJAggkpc/edit?usp=sharing>

If you would be interested in coaching, please reach out to Mrs. Mitus.

LEGO Club

We are still looking for a parent to help with Lego Club. We need to have two parents to run the session. We have plenty of activities for this amazing club. This club typically runs for 4-5 weeks, meeting once a week after school from 3-4:15pm. Unfortunately if we do not get any volunteers we will not be able to offer this highly anticipated club for K-3rd graders.

Spring Break

Spring break begins on Saturday, March 25th. Families may choose to take their breaks at alternate times (leaving earlier or later than the scheduled time). Please understand that staff do not have lessons planned two or three weeks in advance. We will help students to make up missed material upon return but teachers are not expected to plan in advance to accommodate alternate schedules. Thank you for your understanding.

Tips from the Reading Specialist

More Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home

Help children sound out words smoothly. Sounding out a word involves saying the sound of each letter or letter combination one by one until the end of the word, and then saying them all together again quickly.

Help children sound out words by:

- Showing how to say each letter sound in a word, starting at the left-hand letter and moving right, and then joining all the sounds together to form the word.
- Stretching and connecting sounds together as much as possible.

(from What Works Clearinghouse)

2023-24 Excellence in Teaching Award: Accepting Nominations

The Office of Catholic Schools is pleased to announce an open call for nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is intended to recognize and celebrate the positive impact that Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of Saginaw make in the lives of their students as well as in their schools and communities. The award seeks to recognize teachers who exemplify what it means to be a Catholic educator.

One elementary/middle school and one middle/high school teacher will be recognized. Recipients will receive a \$2,500 stipend. Nominations may be submitted by anyone in the school community until 11:59 p.m., Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Please share the nomination form with your school community and encourage them to nominate outstanding teachers!

[Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination Form](#)