

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

I had the opportunity to watch the Cabrini movie with the middle school class. First, I might say that if you have the opportunity to watch this movie, I highly recommend it. Second, I have been reflecting on Saint Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini. Saint Cabrini was born prematurely and suffered ill health. She nearly drowned as a young girl. She wanted to be a nun and was initially denied because of her health. She wanted to go east but was sent west. She had plans to start an orphanage in one place and was told that she couldn't. At every turn, there were obstacles in her life. Yet she persisted. In fact, she established the largest empire of hospitals, orphanages and schools that has ever been built. We taught students about fortitude this month. Fortitude means courage in spite of pain (physical, emotional, spiritual or mental). St. Cabrini was a model of fortitude.



When I think of the challenges I have on a given day (sick kids, lost keys, not enough time, work life balance, sick kids at school, sick staff, coverage of classes, etc.) , they seem to pale in comparison. How did Mother Cabrini do it? She had an unwavering faith in God. Father Andy has reminded the students that when we walk with Jesus, we are not alone. The Bible reminds us, "I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me (Philippians 4:13). "

Important Dates

- 3/19: \$1 Free Dress
3rd Grade Field trip to MCFTA-9:00am
- 3/20: 5th Grade Mass
- 3/21: Half Day-Dismissal at 11:30am
Parent/Teacher Conferences-12:00-8:00pm
- 3/22: No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences 9:00am-12:00pm
- 3/25-4/1: No School-Spring Break
- 4/3: 4th Grade Mass
- 4/4: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Lansing
- 4/5: St. Brigid Spirit Wear Day
- 4/8: PTO Meeting-6:00pm
- 4/8-4/9: Middle School Capstone Trip
- 4/10: 3rd Grade Mass
- 4/11: Student Council & Leadership Spirit Day

Mother Cabrini was successful because she trusted in God. I too, can handle all of the troubles of my day if I give it to God and let him do the heavy lifting. As we move into this last week where Jesus modeled the ultimate in fortitude and love, let us remember that there is nothing we are asked to do that he hasn't already experienced. And there is nothing that we experience, that He cannot see us through.

During this holiest of weeks, take some time to reflect on that. When we put God first, there is nothing we cannot do. There is no obstacle too big to get over. God's got this....God's got us. Happy Easter, everyone.

Laura E. Wilkowski

Spring Break

Don't forget that we are on spring break from March 23, 2024- April 2, 2024. School will resume on April 3, 2024. Have a safe, healthy and restful and spring break!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

You should have received an email sign-up for parent-teacher conferences with your child's teacher. If you did not, please reach out to their teacher ASAP. Conferences will be held this Thursday from 12:00-8:00pm and Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm. If you need an alternative time, please reach out to the teacher.

Saint Brigid Site Assessment

As part of our safety and security grant, we had an outside consultant, SEC (Secure Environment Consultants), complete a site assessment to assess our safety and security protocols. The following paragraph, taken from their report, summarizes their findings.

"SEC believes that St. Brigid Catholic has done well in developing and executing comprehensive safety and security plans, and it currently provides very safe and secure environments for its visitors, staff, and students. It was obvious to SEC that there has been a significant amount of thought and effort put into successfully integrating sound physical design features with comprehensive policies and procedures. SEC commends St. Brigid Catholic on its strategy to enhance existing physical security measures and to expand on both safety and security-related equipment and emergency protocol training regimens. "

Talk About It Tuesdays!

Our next virtual Talk About It Tuesday will take place on April 16th at 6:00pm and will focus on Anxiety in Youth. It will cover core aspects of anxiety and effective parenting strategies for those children that experience anxiety. This is a very relevant and important topic. Register by emailing Angelina Mitus at amitus@stbrigid-midland.org or calling the office!

PTO Meeting

Our March PTO will be held on Monday, March 8th at 6pm. To join the video meeting, click this link: <https://meet.google.com/ega-cuoz-ttq>. Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 276-796-8195 and enter this PIN: 922 947 314#

At this meeting we will be announcing our Emerald Evening final number so make sure you join to hear the good news!

We highly encourage all parents to attend and provide ideas and suggestions and ask any questions they may have. Everyone is a member of PTO! Students whose parents attend the meeting will receive a free dress pass.

LEGO Club

Thank you to Ashley Rohn and Katelyn Holmes who have agreed to run Lego Club this year for grades K-3! An email went out last week with sign up's and the club is currently full. This club offers a light snack, plenty of fun activities and a chance to win some Lego people for students in grades K-3rd grade. This club will meet each Thursday in April from 3:00-4:30.

Blood Drive

If you are hanging around Midland for Spring Break, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Versiti Blood Center bus in the Church parking lot on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 3:00-6:00PM. Appointments are recommended and can be made at https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/158705.

Middle School Capstone Trip

Our middle school students will be out of the building on April 8, 2024 and April 9, 2024 for their Capstone trip. This year they are travelling through Ohio first to watch the solar eclipse and then will head to Notre Dame where they will have dinner with former St. Brigid students attending Notre Dame and stay the night at a hotel. The following day they will tour the campus and basilica, attend Mass at the basilica, and tour the Cancer Research Center before heading home to Midland. Please pray for safe travels and a wonderful educational experience!

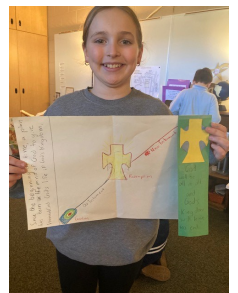
Camp Hartley

Our fifth grade students will be attending Camp Hartley from April 29, 2024- May 1, 2024. Camp Hartley offer outdoor educational experiences to talk about habitat, ecosystems, predator/prey relationships, team building and so much more. Our fifth grade students will be hiking, playing educational games and bonding with their classmates in a wonderful setting. Please pray for safe travels and wonderful educational experience!

Atrium Updates

In Atrium, our students have been exploring the history of the Kingdom of God in a cool work called "La Fettuchia" (in Italian) or "The Ribbon." La Fettuccia follows the History of Salvation beginning with God who always existed and Who at a particular time chose to create. The moment of Creation continues even today but has been joined by a new moment, that of Redemption, with the Incarnation of Jesus in response to Mary's "Yes." The students are amazed when they learn that each line of the ribbon represents 1000 years, and that Jesus' life, death and resurrection on this earth were actually not that long ago! They reflect on what it means to live in the moment of Redemption today, carrying His Risen Life out into the world as we await the third and final moment, Parousia. When Parousia begins it will never end and God "will be all in all" as He shares fullness of life with His creation:

- "When God is "all in all" he'll be ALL, in EVERYONE." (2nd grade)
- "At the Parousia, he'll fill us up completely with love and happiness." (2nd grade)
- "Parousia will be God sitting right here, in front of me!" (2nd grade)
- "The history of the Kingdom of God is about waiting for a very long time and finally seeing Him everywhere." (3rd grade)
- "At the Parousia, everyone will know God in their hearts." (3rd grade)



Tips from the Reading Specialist

More Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home

Help children learn how to break sentences into words and words into syllables. Before children can identify letter sounds in words or reading, they can learn how spoken language can be broken down into smaller pieces.

- Show children that they can break down sentences into words. Practice identifying the words in a sentence by saying a sentence aloud and asking the child to count the number of words in that sentence. For instance, have the child count the number of words in the sentence "The boy ate two pieces of pizza" and correct any mistakes.
- After children can identify words in sentences, they can begin to break words into syllables. Here is one example of how to show breaking words into syllables: 1. Place your hand under your chin and notice the number of times your chin moves down as you say a word slowly.
- Talk about how to combine two words to form another word and about how some words can be broken into smaller words.

(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](#)



Holy Week SCHEDULE

MARCH 24 (PALM SUNDAY)	9:00AM: MASS 11:30AM: MASS 5:30PM: MASS
MARCH 28 (HOLY THURSDAY)	5:30PM: POTLUCK 7:00PM: MASS OF LORD'S SUPPER 8:00PM: ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 10:00PM: NIGHT PRAYER
MARCH 29 (GOOD FRIDAY)	3:00PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 4:00PM: CROSS WALK 7:00PM: SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 30 (HOLY SATURDAY)	9:30AM: MORNING PRAYER 8:30PM: EASTER VIGIL
MARCH 31 (EASTER SUNDAY)	9:00AM: MASS 11:30AM: MASS

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