SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE'S
GUIDE TO PARISH LIFE
2019-2020
SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE: A HOME FOR HOPE

“To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn’t lock itself into darkness, that doesn’t dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow.” -Pope Francis

This hope comes directly from our Catholic faith in Christ’s love and mercy for all people. By building up communities of faith, we are active participants in what Pope Francis calls “the revolution of tenderness”—to help those in need to recognize the hope that comes from Jesus, and to realize that they are more than their life circumstances would lead them to believe.

Pope Francis stresses that hope begins with one individual—you—and eventually it becomes an “us” capable of starting a revolution of faith, hope and love. We have seen such tragedy and evil throughout our world directly attacking our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is easy to lose hope. But can we begin to bring that hope here to St. Brigid of Kildare Parish in everything we do. We are the future of this parish and the church throughout the world. We can begin here and focus on bringing hope to those in need by reaching out to our fellow parishioners and sharing our talents, our compassion, our treasure to feed that light of Hope.

This Guide contains many ways for you and your family to bring your own form of hope to others, whether it is by becoming a lector, eucharistic minister or usher at Mass, or by serving a meal to those that have lost a loved one. Let St. Brigid be the home where you begin your own revolution of faith, hope and love. Please look over this guide and use the list of ministries to contact the head of the committees or ministries that interest you.

Blessings,
Monsignor Hendricks
Please consider joining one or more of our parish ministries or committees and help us continue the mission of our Lord. Simply use this guide as a reference as you complete a Tapestry Program “Volunteer Commitment Card” or contact the current committee chair listed on the last pages of this booklet.

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**PARISH AND SCHOOL STAFF**

**ST. BRIDGID OF KILDARE PARISH**
7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017  
Office: 614-761-3734  Fax: 614-889-6638  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri  
Website: www.stbrigidofkildare.org

Monsignor Joseph Hendricks, Pastor  
Father Matthew Morris, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Frank Iannarino  
Deacon Donald Poirier  
Deacon Paul Zemanek  
Sister Teresa Tuite, OP  
Karen Cremeans, Office Manager  
Mary Longo, Receptionist/Secretary  
Bridget Malloy, Bulletin Editor  
Joanie Roma, Ministry Scheduler  
Stacey Nerone, Safe Environment Coordinator  
Jake Groce, Facility Manager  
Katherine Florian, Director of Music and Liturgy  
Becky O’Connor, Business Manager  
Jackie Mack, School Tuition Account Manager & Business Asst.  
Sarah K. Moore, Development Director  
Allie Wing, Marketing & Communications Director  
Amie Lopez, Parish Life Manager  
Bruce McKenna, Coordinator of Campus Safety & Security

**ST. BRIDGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL**
7175 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017  
School Office: 614-718-5825  Fax: 614-718-5831  
School Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
Website: www.stbrigidofkildare.com

Kathy O’Reilly, Principal  
Cindy Lombardo, Vice Principal  
Jill Carfagna, Director of Student Learning  
Shannon Crawford, School Office Manager (Tues-Fri)  
Sandy Peecook, Secretary (Mon)  
Megan Wachalec, Admissions Director  
Hillary Harper, Preschool Director  
Karol Halm, Latchkey Director

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
7175 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017  
Office: 614-761-1176  
Office Hours:  Mon - Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
  Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Religious Education offices are located in the rear of Enke Hall and can be reached through the cafeteria or by going to the far northwest entrance (door ‘E’ — under the porch) and ringing the bell.

Andrea Komenda, Director of Religious Education  
Jen McManus, Financial Administrative Assistant  
Liz Jennison, Administrative Assistant  
Karol Schubert, Administrative Assistant  
Sherri Niekamp, Early Childhood & VBS Coordinator

**Youth Ministry**
7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017  
High School Youth Ministry Office: 614-718-5832  
Laura Ginikos, High School Youth & Young Adult Dir.

**Mass Schedule**

**Daily Masses**  
Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance**  
Saturday 4:00—4:30 p.m.

**Holy Days**  
Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m., Holy Day 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
| **SEPTEMBER** | September 7  
September 8  
September 8  
September 21-22  
September 25  
September 28 | That Man Is You! Kick-Off  
High School Youth Ministry Kick-Off  
EPIC Middle School Youth Group Kick-Off  
Ministry Weekend  
Women’s Bible Study and Sharing Begins  
Blood Drive |
| **OCTOBER** | October 9  
October 10 | Rite of Enrollment - First Communion  
RCIA Kick-Off |
| **NOVEMBER** | November 16-17  
November 21 | Giving Tree Begins  
Advent by Candlelight |
| **DECEMBER** | December 7  
December 8  
December 14  
December (TBD) | First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders  
Giving Tree Gift Return  
Cookies with Santa  
Advent Taize Prayer (check bulletin/website for date) |
| **JANUARY** | January 2  
January 26 - 31 | High School Youth Ministry Family Event at PINS  
Catholic Schools Week |
| **FEBRUARY** | February 1  
February 1  
February 7  
February 9  
February 29 | The Feast of Saint Brigid  
First Communion Retreat  
Father/Daughter Dance  
All Church Choir Concert  
Blood Drive |
| **MARCH** | March 7  
March 8  
March (TBD) | SPICE Corks for a Cause: Wine Tasting & Silent Auction  
Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (off-site)  
Lenten Taize Prayer (check bulletin/website for date) |
| **APRIL** | April 3  
April 25 | Confirmation  
Volunteer Dinner Dance |
| **MAY** | May 3  
May 9  
May 11  
May 15  
May 28 | High School Senior Mass & Celebration & 8th Grade  
Welcome to Youth Ministry  
First Communion  
Religious Education May Crowning  
School May Crowning Mass  
8th Grade Graduation - Saint Brigid of Kildare School |
| **JUNE** | June 15-19 | Vacation Bible School |
**Holy Days and other Celebrations**

The following is a list of when these days will be celebrated at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish.

**All Saints’ Day**: Friday, November 1, Celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, October 31 (vigil), and Friday, November 1 at 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m.

**Feast of All Souls**: Saturday, November 2, Celebrated at 5 p.m. Mass.

**Christ the King**: Sunday, November 24, Celebrated during 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday

**1st Sunday of Advent**: Sunday, December 1

**Immaculate Conception**: Sunday, December 8 (not a Holy Day of Obligation); Second Sunday of Advent

**Christmas Day**: Wednesday, December 25, Celebrated during the Vigil Masses on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Holy Family**: Sunday, December 29, Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**: Wednesday, January 1 Celebrated Tuesday, December 31 at 5 p.m. and Wednesday, January 1 at 11:00 a.m.

**Epiphany**: Sunday, January 5, Celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday

**Ash Wednesday**: Wednesday, February 26, Celebrated at 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper**: Thursday, April 9, Celebrated at 7:30 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration in the Church following Mass, concluding with Night Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

**Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**: Friday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross**: Friday, April 10 7:30 p.m.

**Blessing of Food**: Saturday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil**: Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**: Sunday, April 12, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses

**Ascension of the Lord**: Thursday, May 21, Celebrated Sunday, May 24

**Pentecost**: Sunday, May 31, Celebrated during 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday

**Holy Trinity**: Sunday, June 7, Celebrated during 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday

**Body and Blood of Christ**: Sunday, June 14, Celebrated during 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**: Friday, June 19, Celebrated during 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**: Saturday, August 15, 2020 (not a Holy Day of Obligation)
FAQs: HOW DO I...

Become an active, registered member of the parish?
To become a member, you will need to stop by the parish office and fill out a registration form. The parish office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, on the second Sunday of each month, our New Family Welcome Committee will be in the gathering area of the church after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses to register new parishioners and share the new parishioner packet with you. Additionally, there are registration forms on the kiosk in the gathering area of the church, which can be completed and given to an usher.

Be considered an “active” member of the parish?
Registering in a Catholic parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Your Catholic commitment brings you many advantages, recognition, and responsibilities. The Diocese of Columbus defines an “active” member of a parish as an individual who celebrates the weekly Mass at their church, volunteers their time/talent, and gives financial support to the parish. These are also the fundamental aspects of Saint Brigid of Kildare’s own Tapestry Program. Being active is not about giving a specific amount of money or time—it is about regular participation. As each parishioner has different financial and time constraints, Saint Brigid of Kildare has a wide range of opportunities available to donate your time, talent and treasure.

Have my baby baptized?
Parents may call the parish office at 614-761-3734 to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except during Advent and Lent. You may be asked to attend a Jordan Conference (a Baptism preparation class).

Help my child to receive their First Communion or be Confirmed?
Typically children receive their First Communion in second grade. They are prepared through their first and second grade religion classes at St. Brigid School or Religious Education. If the child is beyond second grade, s/he should join the Sacraments Class, offered on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. throughout the school year. Contact Andrea Komenda for enrollment at akomenda@stbrigidofkildare.org. Our young men and women in eighth grade and beyond celebrate Confirmation at a date set for our parish by the Chancery. Their preparation includes their previous seven years of religious education as well as their immediate study of the Sacrament of Confirmation, participating in various avenues of service both within and outside of the parish, and expressing a desire to be confirmed.

Get married at St. Brigid of Kildare?
Church law guarantees that active, registered members (see above) of a parish, who are in good standing with the faith and morals of the Catholic Church, have the right to marry in their proper parish. Before a man and a woman consent to the Sacrament of Marriage the couple is required to participate in a marriage preparation program and to follow the parish wedding guidelines. It is not unusual for particular circumstances or individual needs to necessitate a relatively extensive period of time for preparation, so couples are urged to schedule a first meeting with a priest or deacon well in advance of any planned wedding date. Please call the parish office at 614-761-3734 for additional information.

Arrange a funeral Mass?
Please call the parish office to make arrangements before submitting any details to a newspaper. The priests and deacons of the parish, as well as Sister Teresa Tuite (ttuite@stbrigidofkildare.org) 614-761-3734 are available to walk the family through the planning and execution of the funeral Mass or service. They will meet with the family, explain the options, give the family copies of readings and songs from which to choose, and encourage them to take an active role in the funeral.
Have a Mass offered for someone?
Mass intentions are for the repose of the soul (deceased person(s)) or the special intention (living person(s)). St. Brigid of Kildare honors only one intention per Mass. Customary Mass stipends are $10.00 but any goodwill offering is accepted. A Mass Card is available upon request. Requests for Mass intentions are to be made in person in the parish office during regular business hours. Please call the parish office at 614-761-3734 for additional information.

Register my child at Saint Brigid of Kildare School or Preschool?
Please call the school office at 614-718-5825 or visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com/apply.

Register my child in Religious Education classes?
Please call the Religious Education office at 614-761-1176 or visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/RelEd.

Receive emails, news and/or a weekly Gospel Reflection from the parish?
Our parish sends a monthly email newsletter called the Common Threads, as well as a weekly Gospel Reflection written by our clergy. To sign up, either stop in the parish office to let them know you’d like to sign up, or visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org, click “Sign up for e-newsletters” on the home page, and fill out the form.

Get something published in the parish bulletin?
Please type up your article and submit it to Bridget Malloy by emailing it to stbrigidbulletin@stbrigidofkildare.org. Please submit your announcement or article as early as possible. Because of printing lead time, the deadline to submit articles is Thursday at noon, eleven days prior to the publication date.

Become a Catholic or return to the Church?
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) provides an opportunity for adults who are seeking full communion with the Church to learn about the Catholic faith. Those interested in learning more about RCIA can email Deacon Paul Zemanek (pjzemanek@yahoo.com). If you are interested in returning to the Church, please contact Sister Teresa Tuite, Director of Adult Faith Formation (ttuite@stbrigidofkildare.org) or 614-761-3734 for more information on the process.

Have someone or something added to the prayer chain?
Prayer requests can be made by contacting Mary Longo at mlongo@stbrigidofkildare.org or 614-761-3734.

Have a priest to anoint someone who is sick?
The priests of the parish are available to administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick as necessary, day or night. Both priests are happy to come to people whether they are in a hospital, nursing home, or confined to home. Please call the parish office at 614-761-3734 during business hours Monday through Friday. The Rectory emergency telephone number is 614-717-0706 during the evening, night, and weekends.

Have a member of our pastoral staff visit someone who is sick?
The parish’s priests, deacons and pastoral associates, as well as trained volunteer ministers, are always available to visit with and bring Communion to members of the parish who are homebound or who are residents of a long term care facility. Please contact Sr. Teresa Tuite at ttuite@stbrigidofkildare.org or 614-761-3734 to make arrangements for a visit.

Get a letter for being a Baptism or Confirmation sponsor?
The parish office will first confirm that you are an active, registered member (see above) of the parish and then will provide a letter on parish stationery with the Pastor’s signature and embossed parish seal. This letter will be mailed directly to the requesting parish.

Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)?
EFT allows you to contribute to the church through your bank account or credit card and aids our Finance Committee to properly prepare yearly budgets. Simply contact the parish office and let them know your pledge amount and if you would like to donate monthly, quarterly or once yearly. They will need your credit card number or copy of a voided check or deposit slip. This method is safe, easy and convenient. So please consider our fastest growing method of giving.
Steering Committee
The Parish Steering Committee serves as an advisory body to the pastor in his administration of the parish by assisting in the strategic planning for the future of the parish and the establishment of policies. Members represent all parish committees and organizations and ensure communication and coordination among the parish committees and ministries. There is an Executive Committee within the Steering Committee which sets the agenda and determines the focus and goals for the year.

Finance Committee
The Finance Committee oversees many of the financial aspects of our parish including the analysis and review of the annual budget, monthly income, expenditure and liability requirements and coordination of all parish fundraising programs in accordance with Diocesan rules. Membership candidates must interview with the pastor.

Financial Peace University
The Finance Committee offers Financial Peace University a few times a year. Designed and instructed by author and syndicated radio talk show host Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University (FPU) is an education program that teaches families how to handle money using Biblical principles. The primary focus of Ramsey’s instruction is to teach you how to get rid of debt, manage money and spend, save and invest your money wisely. Watch the parish bulletin and website for session dates.

Safe Environment Program
As a community of faith, we believe that our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us and that the prevention of child abuse begins with each person. St. Brigid of Kildare Church, in coordination with the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, is committed to the protection and safety of all children. This commitment follows the fundamental mission of the Church to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to give authentic witness to the moral teaching of the Scriptures and the tradition of the Church, and to uphold the human dignity of every person.

Increased awareness and a willingness to take action are steps for every person to eradicate abuse in society, in the community, in the neighborhood, and in the family.

In an ongoing effort to protect children, policies have been established to ensure the safety of our children in every parish and school activity. Requirements include attending a Virtus Protecting God’s Children awareness session, undergoing a background check, completing a volunteer application, signing a code of conduct and providing a copy of a photo ID. For full instructions, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/safe-environment.

Tapestry Committee: “Many Strands, One Parish”
The Tapestry Program is our annual parish commitment program. Each September, we celebrate volunteerism and invite all parishioners to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to St. Brigid for the coming year.

As part of the Tapestry Program, we ask that you attend the Ministry Celebration Weekend in September. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the individuals involved in the parish’s over 60 ministries and to ask questions and learn about becoming involved. The Tapestry Program also asks that parishioners make a financial commitment to
the parish at this time. There are many options available for you to fulfill your yearly pledge to the parish.

Volunteers are currently needed with a variety of skills to serve on the Tapestry Program Committee. Please consider this important mission—helping others discover their calling to be involved in the life of our parish.

**Special People in Catholic Education (SPiCE)**

Special People in Catholic Education (SPiCE) was founded to support the education of children with special learning needs in our parish and school. SPiCE assists our parish as we work to serve a broad range of students, including those who may be gifted as well as those who have roadblocks to successful learning. SPiCE was founded to provide financial support and a commitment to the belief that each child in our parish is a child of God and possesses his or her own unique spiritual and educational needs. There are a number of ways to become involved with SPiCE, including volunteering in the school, serving on the board, or getting involved with special events and fundraisers, including the annual wine tasting and silent auction.

**New Parishioner Welcome Committee**

The goal of our welcoming committee is to give every new family or individual a sense of belonging and help them become an integral part of our faith community. We personally contact our newest members and invite them to participate in parish life. The committee is also available once a month after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses to register new parishioners and to answer questions about the parish. The committee hosts several welcome events during the year, which are great ways to get involved with the parish.

**Worship and Spiritual Life Committee**

The mission of this committee is to promote and develop an environment for the worship of God and the spiritual life of St. Brigid Parish. It is an advisory committee that reports to the Steering Committee. Members represent various liturgically oriented ministries as outlined below.

**Liturgical Ministries**

The efforts of the Liturgical Ministers are vital to the weekly Eucharistic celebration and the success of the parish liturgies. Each weekend Mass is planned and celebrated with the support of up to 24 lay ministers. These ministers are scheduled monthly based upon the parish’s worship needs.

There are usually two annual Liturgical Minister Training and Commissioning Workshops, held each fall and early spring. Ministers must be trained and commissioned in their respective ministry to serve in a liturgical role for St. Brigid of Kildare Parish. The Liturgical Ministries include the following:

**Liturgical Ministry Captain**

The Liturgical Ministry Captain serves the parish community by coordinating the activities of all Ministry roles at weekend Masses. This experienced and knowledgeable Minister greets each Liturgical Minister before Mass and
assures that all roles are filled. This Minister provides an atmosphere whereby the clergy can perform their roles with a full complement of Liturgical Ministry support. A Ministry Captain must be a commissioned Liturgical Minister at St. Brigid of Kildare with two or more years of ministry experience.

**ALTAR SERVERS**
Altar Servers provide an important liturgical function by assisting the clergy before, during, and after the liturgy, and serving as prayer leaders for the congregation. Mature boys and girls in fifth grade or above must attend one training session and complete a mentoring process prior to beginning their ministry.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**
The lay Eucharistic Ministers are called “extraordinary” ministers. They function only when recommended by their pastors and are commissioned by the Bishop. This is a ministry where the Eucharist is distributed to our assemblies. Eucharistic Ministers also prepare the sacred vessels for the next Mass. All those who are confirmed and are at least 16 years of age are invited to participate in this ministry. Eucharistic Ministers are essential for the proper distribution of the Eucharist during weekend Masses.

**GREETERS**
The Ministry of Greeter serves the community by recognizing and welcoming each member of the assembly as if that person were Christ. Just as we greet guests to our homes, make them feel welcome and tend to their needs, so do these ministers help the members of the assembly feel welcome and comfortable as they gather for each Liturgy. All individuals, groups and families are welcome to participate in this ministry.

**LECTORS**
Proclaiming the Word of God has always been a fundamental part of the Catholic Liturgy. Lectors read the parish announcements, proclaim the scriptures, and read the Prayers of the Faithful in the absence of the Deacon. Lectors are offered a Lector Workbook in order to prepare for their assigned reading prior to Mass. All individuals who are confirmed are invited to participate in this ministry.

**USHERS AND JUNIOR USHERS**
Ushers and Junior Ushers (mature fifth graders and older) serve the parish community by greeting people as they arrive, escorting people to their seats, gathering and securing the collection, assisting in taking gifts of bread and wine to the altar, guiding the flow of communicants as they approach the Eucharistic Ministers, and handing out bulletins at the conclusion of weekend Masses. All individuals are invited to participate in this ministry.

**CHURCH ART AND ENVIRONMENT**
Volunteers of the Art and Environment Committee ensure that the church is decorated according to the seasons and celebrations of the liturgical calendar. Some of the tasks include ironing linens, potting plants, watering flowers, hanging wreaths. If this sounds like fun, join our group - we are always seeking new friends to help us!

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
On the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and concludes at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to stop by at any time to pray or if you prefer, to commit to a scheduled time for adoration.

**FAMILY ROSARY**
All are invited to come and pray the rosary each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Blessed Mother has promised special graces to those that pray the rosary; come and experience the beautiful tradition of praying the rosary with your parish family. Children are welcome.
**Holy Wash: Martha’s Ministry**

Volunteers collect and carefully wash purificators and other linens used for Masses each week. Purificators are the linens used to cleanse the chalice between and after use by communicants. It is an encounter of holiness in the ordinary, where work becomes prayer and prayer springs from work. This is a ministry that appeals to the detail-oriented person who enjoys working “behind the scene.” Ideally, the commitment is once a month or less.

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**Music Ministries**

Music is an integral part of every weekend Mass celebrated at St. Brigid. A variety of musical styles, from traditional to contemporary is incorporated in the celebration of the Mass. Katherine Florian coordinates the music program. More information can found on our website at www.stbrigidofkildare.org/music, or to get involved, contact Katherine Florian at kflorian@stbrigidofkildare.org or (614) 761-3734.

**Adult Choir**

The adult choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May, and at the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and Confirmation. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Adult Contemporary Group (Brigid’s Gael)**

This instrumental and vocal ensemble sings three to four times per month throughout the year at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals are typically Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Children’s Choir**

The children’s choir (grades 1-8) sings once each month at the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May, as well as for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (4:00 p.m.). Rehearsals are weekly, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Youth Ensemble**

The Youth Ensemble is open to 7th - 12th graders who love to sing or play an instrument. Members of the Youth Ensemble serve as cantors, singers and instrumentalists one Sunday a month at the 12:15 p.m. EPIC Masses from September through May. Rehearsals are three Sundays a month from 3 - 4:00 p.m.

**Cantors**

Cantors assist at all weekend Masses by leading through song. They also sing on Feast Days and for Evening Vespers during Advent and Lent. Cantors must have good vocal strength and quality.

**Instrumentalists**

Instrumentalists of all ages are encouraged to join existing choirs at Mass.
Sacramental Preparation

Jordan Conference (Child Baptism)
St. Brigid is seeking volunteer couples to assist with four to six Jordan Conferences or Baptisms per year. The Jordan Conference couple assists the clergy at each Baptism; each couple will assist approximately once every three months. The Jordan Conference couple will be trained on the sacrament of Baptism, and in turn will instruct the parents who are seeking to have their child baptized. Couples interested in making a difference with the young parents of the parish by joining this ministry should contact Deacon Don or Julie Poirier at 614-889-9232. Prayerfully consider answering this call.

Baptisms for children are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass except during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Parents seeking Baptism for their child must attend one session of the Jordan Conference, which is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Registration for both the Jordan Conference and Baptism must be done through the parish office at 614-761-3734.

Marriage Preparation
Couples wishing to marry at St. Brigid must be established registered members and active in the parish for at least six months before a wedding will be scheduled. A copy of the Marriage Guidelines may be obtained by contacting the parish office. According to Diocesan guidelines all couples must attend Pre-Cana classes six months before their wedding date. In addition, all couples must complete a survey covering a wide range of topics related to relationships and married life (FOCCUS). Results of the survey must be discussed with the couple prior to their wedding date. Couples can fulfill these requirements through our Pre-Cana and Couple-to-Couple ministries.

Pre-Cana
Pre-Cana is a two-day program and is scheduled two times each year. Sessions are taught by married couples who volunteer to share their experience and insight about various aspects of married life. Engaged couples then privately discuss the topics. Married couples wishing to share their commitment to the Sacrament of Matrimony are encouraged to join the Pre-Cana team. This is an opportunity for these couples to strengthen their marriage while ministering with others.

Couple to Couple
Engaged couples wishing to wed at St. Brigid are assigned to a married couple of the parish. The married couple facilitates discussion of results from the FOCCUS survey completed by the engaged couple. Members of this ministry team receive extensive training and must be recommended by team members and the parish clergy.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
RCIA provides an opportunity for adults who are seeking full communion with the Church to learn about the Catholic faith. Classes meet Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m., October through the Easter Vigil Mass. Full communion for catechumens (not yet baptized) and candidates (already baptized in the Christian faith) is celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Catholic spouses or any parishioners are welcome to attend the classes. Those interested in RCIA can talk with Deacon Paul Zemanek at pjzemanek@yahoo.com. The full schedule and more information is available at www.stbrigidofkildare.org/RCIA.

Volunteers are needed periodically to act as companions to the candidates and catechumens. Call Deacon Paul if you would like to become a part of this fulfilling ministry.
**Anointing of the Sick**
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for anyone who is seriously ill (undergoing surgery, chronic or life-threatening illness, change in health condition). Our priests are available to administer the Sacrament whenever needed. Also, three healing Masses will be scheduled during the year. Please watch the weekly bulletin for those dates. Please contact the parish office at 614-761-3734 for information on the Sacrament.

**Bereavement Luncheon Committee**
A group of volunteers prepares and serves a hot meal for the families of parishioners whose funeral is celebrated at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish. In addition to those who serve, many volunteers are needed to prepare food, side dishes, salads and desserts and drop them off in Hendricks Hall the morning of the funeral.

**Funeral Planning**
When a parishioner dies, the priest who will be celebrating the funeral and the Minister to the Sick and Bereaved meet with family members to offer care and support and to plan the funeral liturgy. Family members are encouraged to participate in the liturgy in a variety of ways—placing the pall, doing the readings and bringing up the gifts.

Many times parishioners choose to preplan their funerals. Sr. Teresa Tuite, OP is available to meet with them and guide them in their planning. If they wish, parishioners’ plans can be filed at the parish office. In addition, if parishioners have questions regarding the Church Rites at the time of death, or if they would like help preparing funerals for relatives who live elsewhere, Sr. Teresa is available to meet with them and offer advice. For more information, contact Sister Teresa at 614-761-3734 or ttuite@stbrigidofkildare.org.

**Ministry to the Bereaved**
The Minister to the Sick and Bereaved (Sr. Teresa Tuite, OP), as well as the priests and deacons of the parish, are available to meet with anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. In addition to conversation and prayer support, written materials for moving through the journey of grief will be shared. Resources for Grief Support groups are posted in the bulletin. Often in sharing our grief we find God’s healing and peace. For more information, contact Sister Teresa at 614-761-3734 or ttuite@stbrigidofkildare.org.

**Parish Prayer Book**
The Parish Prayer Book is located in the gathering area of the Church. All are invited to ask your parish family to join you in praying for your special intentions by writing them in the Prayer Book, found on the table near the choir entrance.

**Prayer Chain**
Members of the prayer chain receive e-mails regarding specific intentions which parishioners have asked to have remembered in prayer. Prayer requests can be made by contacting Mary Longo at 614-761-3734 or mlongo@stbrigidofkildare.org. If you wish to become a “pray-er,” please mark it on the Tapestry Card or contact the parish office.
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Members of this ministry – individually at home, or as a group in Hendricks Hall – knit, crochet, quilt or sew shawls, lap robes or pillows to be given to parishioners who are sick or homebound, as well as those who are grieving the death of a loved one or another significant loss in their lives.

Visitation to Hospitals
The priests and other members of the parish staff are available to visit any parishioners or their family members in local hospitals. Because of current government privacy regulations, the hospital can contact the parish only if the patient and/or family give permission. You may also call the parish office to let us know of the hospitalization. If you would like to receive Holy Communion while you are hospitalized, let your nurse know. Every hospital in Central Ohio has Eucharistic Ministers available.

Visitation to the Sick and Homebound
For those in our parish family who are unable to join us for Mass on Sunday due to an illness or an accident, we have a committed group of volunteers who bring the Eucharist to them. Each homebound parishioner is visited once a week and the visits are scheduled according to each person’s schedule. Please contact Sr. Teresa Tuite, OP at the parish office to make this request.

In addition to visiting the homebound members of our parish, volunteer ministers take Holy Communion to Catholics at the Convalarium, Emerald Crossing and Dublin Retirement Center each Sunday.

Those who minister in this area are commissioned Eucharistic Ministers and make their first visits with an experienced mentor.

Older Adults Program
The Older Adults Program through Syntero helps parishioners who need services and don’t know where to go. Volunteers can help older adults complete medical forms, advocate to obtain social service benefits, downsize or declutter their homes, find housing based on needs, and can accompany them to help ask questions at appointments with a healthcare professional. The program is looking for volunteers to help serve these older adults, as well as older adults in need of assistance. The volunteer time commitment is set by the volunteer, and the amount and types of jobs they’d like to help with are chosen by the volunteer. This program is made possible by a partnership with Syntero.

Additionally, this program offers support to caregivers of older adults. The services are provided by Syntero and are available at no charge. They are designed to give you a helping hand and to assist you in becoming a more effective caregiver, including the need for your own self-care and stress management.

Young Children

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
During the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses, the children of the congregation are invited to gather and are then escorted to the undercroft where they will listen to the Liturgy of the Word. The readings are those of the particular Sunday in the Liturgical Year, but are taken from the Children’s Lectionary so the children can more easily understand the message. Training is available for those who love children and wish to share the Gospel with them.
Children’s Play Group
The Children's Playgroup is a community of parents, caretakers and children, including babies, toddlers and preschoolers, who enjoy making new friends, supporting each other, and exploring Dublin and the Columbus area. Children’s ages vary and the group is constantly changing. All young children are welcome!

Playgroup meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted on the schedule. Meeting locations include parks, indoor play areas and other kid-friendly venues. No commitment is necessary! There are a few special events throughout the year that require RSVPs. Otherwise, drop in whenever your busy schedule allows!

Check the bulletin weekly for the playgroup schedule.

Vacation Bible School
Vacation Bible School is a summer day camp that offers children a safe and fun environment where they can come to know the traditions of our Catholic faith and grow in their love of the Catholic faith through elements of Faith, Music, Service, Craft, Games, and Snack. All St. Brigid of Kildare Parish children (age 3 - entering grade 6) are invited to attend Vacation Bible School. Students entering 7th grade - 12th grade and all PGC-certified adults are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents. For more information, please visit the website at www.stbrigidofkildare.org/VBS or contact the Religious Education office at 614-761-1176.

Boy and Girl Scouts
St. Brigid is home to Cub Scout Pack 117 (grades 1-5) and Boy Scout Troop 117 (grades 6-high school). Any boy, regardless of school affiliation, is invited to join. There are currently about 65 Cub Scouts and 100 Boy Scouts. Scouts is a structured program that is dedicated to fun with a purpose. The Cub Scout fun includes camping, hiking, swimming, field trips, BB gun shooting, archery, car racing and much, much more. The purpose is to teach boys respect for God, their community and their family while gaining the self-confidence and self-esteem that they will need to succeed in life.

The Boy Scout program continues to build on the fundamentals that the boys have learned -- knot tying, fire building, year-round camping, skiing, canoeing, service projects and high-adventure opportunities are all a part of this experience.

St. Brigid is also home to the Girl Scouts, with about 100 girls (k-grade 8) who participate. Girl Scouting is a wonderful opportunity for girls to build skills, earn badges and participate in programs related to the arts, science and technology, outdoor activities, and community service. Girls gain team-building and leadership experience needed to help them on their journey in becoming successful young women. As a group, St. Brigid Girl Scouts participate in caroling and a winter party annually.

Preschool
See Preschool information under Saint Brigid of Kildare School, and Religious Education preschool information under Saint Brigid of Kildare Religious Education.
Saint Brigid of Kildare School provides a traditionally strong Catholic education supported by innovative and current methods. Guided by our mission statement and rooted in Christ, our award winning school community provides Catholic faith formation and strong academic foundations to develop lifelong learners, compassionate leaders, and dedicated disciples of Christ. Academic achievement, perseverance, and reflection are stressed as we recognize each student’s potential for success. Our team of administrators, educators, and support staff collaborate to create an atmosphere that is most conducive to developing our students as learners, leaders, and people of faith and service.

Saint Brigid of Kildare students complete rigorous studies in English-language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and religion, supported by classes in art, music, technology, Spanish, library media and physical education. Technology is integrated throughout the content areas and students in grades 4-8 are issued personal Chromebooks to enhance their learning. Please visit our website at www.stbrigidofkildare.com for more information. Tours of our two-time Blue Ribbon School can be arranged by calling our school office at 614-718-5825.

Latchkey
Latchkey is available to all school aged children beginning at 7:00 am and after school until 6:00 pm. This program features on-site supervised social time, recreational time, creative and imaginative play, arts, crafts and quiet time for homework. To register or receive additional information, please contact Karol Halm, Latchkey Director, at 614-718-5825 or mrs.halm@stbrigid-school.org.

Preschool
Saint Brigid of Kildare School offers preschool classes for our three, four, and five year old children. Half-day classes are offered as a two day option (Tuesday and Thursday), three day option (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) and a pre-kindergarten five day option. The classes are all 3 hours in length. Also offered are Wolfhound Adventures on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. These enrichment classes are two hours in length. Students bring a packed lunch and then enjoy a themed play activity.

Our preschool is located in a separate wing of the Parish Education Center and shares its outdoor play area with our kindergarten classes. For more information, contact preschool director Hillary Harper at 614-718-5825 or mrs.harper@stbrigid-school.org.

Home and School Association
Our Home and School Association strives to enrich the Catholic school experience for students and their families by providing a volunteer base and money for supplemental programs, fun activities, and classroom equipment. Volunteer sign-ups are ongoing throughout the year. It is never too late to register. To get involved, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com and search “home and school.”

School Advisory Committee
The mission of SAC is to promote and support a distinctive religious learning environment that provides for the propagation of the Catholic faith and values, fosters academic excellence, and develops fully the intellectual, social, physical and emotional capabilities unique to each student. Members are appointed to three-year terms through a nomination process led by the pastor and current SAC members. For more information, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com and search “school advisory.”
Religious Education

The Religious Education Department provides faith formation opportunities for all parishioners, preschool through adult. All classes for children and youth follow the Diocesan Graded Course of Study for Religion. All religious education teachers (catechists) are certified in Religious Education through the Diocese of Columbus. Participation in this sequential learning program provides a firm foundation for lifelong learning about and practice of the Catholic faith. In addition to the age-appropriate sequential learning, immediate preparation for the reception of the sacraments of the Eucharist, Confirmation, and Reconciliation is presented through classes, Religious Ed speakers, retreats and service opportunities. Adults are also encouraged to participate in life-long learning! Many opportunities are offered annually, including diocesan certification series of courses: Introductory Catechesis, Christ and the Church, and Liturgy and Sacraments, which may be taken in whole or in part for credit or enrichment. Registration for all classes is required. Forms are available through the Religious Education Office and online at stbrigidofkildare.org/RelEd.

The Religious Education offices are located in the rear of Enke Hall and can be reached through the cafeteria or by going to the far northwest entrance (under the porch, door E) and ringing the bell.

Early Childhood Faith Formation Program: Preschool-Kindergarten
Sunday Preschool and Kindergarten faith formation classes are offered Sunday morning for children three years of age or older. These interactive and hands-on programs allow children to learn about the Sunday scripture readings on their own levels through music, art and crafts. Families must register each year, then children can attend as often as they would like during the year during the 9:00 Sunday morning Mass.

Early Childhood Faith Formation Program: Grade 1-5
Classes for students in grades one through five are offered Monday 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist takes place within our second-grade curriculum. Students who need to receive Reconciliation and First Eucharist after second grade should contact Andrea Komenda at akomenda@stbrigidofkildare.org. Our curriculum incorporates knowledge of the faith, music, large group assemblies, and service. Families must register for their preferred time in May-June of the academic year prior.

Middle School Faith Formation Program: Grade 6-8
Research shows that middle school students need meaningful experiences with their peer groups and other adults to thrive in their faith. To that end, middle school students gather for large group portions of their class time then will break into small groups for discussions and activities. Families must register for their preferred time (Sunday 6:00-7:15 p.m. or Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m.). Students who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be prepared within our seventh and eighth grade curriculum. Note that Middle School Religious Education will not meet on Sundays when there are EPIC (Middle School Youth Group) events; instead students will be encouraged to participate in EPIC. There will also be semi-annual events bringing the High School Youth Ministry and middle school Religious Education students together.
Religious Ed Teachers and Volunteers
St. Brigid is blessed to have an experienced staff of catechists. Anyone interested in becoming a catechist should contact Andrea Komenda in the Religious Education Offices at 614-761-1176 or email akomenda@stbrigidofkildare.org.

In addition to catechists/teachers, SPiCE (Special People in Catholic Education) aides assist children with special learning needs during weekly classes. Classroom aides, hall monitors, childcare and office aides also assist with the weekly classes. Volunteers need not have children in the program to participate, but all volunteers, in accordance with diocesan guidelines, must take Protecting God’s Children and be fingerprinted.

Religious Education Council
The mission of the Religious Education Council is to plan and provide for the ongoing faith formation needs of our community. Religious Education Council members represent not only the Religious Education families but are also liaisons from many other parish committees. All members of the parish are invited to apply for the Religious Education Council. Applications are available at www.stbrigidofkildare.org/RelEd and should be submitted to the Office of Religious Education.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry: EPIC (Endless Possibilities in Christ)
Saint Brigid of Kildare’s Middle School Youth Group is designed for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from St. Brigid School, Grizzell, Karrer, Sells, and other local schools. Middle School Youth Ministry meets for worship, fellowship, and service throughout the academic year.

Depending on the event, participants may attend Mass as a group, then meet in Hendricks Hall for prayer and pizza, followed by a service-learning event or participants may meet at a specific time for an off-site event. These worship, fellowship, and service opportunities seek to support faith formation through providing different kinds of worship experiences as well as exposing participants to a diversity of ways they can contribute to society and further God’s kingdom on earth. The program also helps students to build community among their peers and be active members of the community of St. Brigid, their second home.

Please see the parish website’s “Middle School Youth Group” page for the most recent calendar and to register for EPIC. *All returning students must re-register for EPIC each formation year.

Co-coordinators: Laura Ginikos at lginikos@stbrigidofkildare.org and Andrea Komenda at akomenda@stbrigidofkildare.org.

For more information and to view the most recent schedule, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/EPIC.
High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry invites all high school students, grades 9-12, to come together for faith formation, fellowship, worship, & service! The ministry calendar is designed to be flexible to work with the needs of student and family calendars.

Please see the parish website (www.stbrigidofkildare.org/hsym) and bulletin for details about upcoming service events, fellowship gatherings, worship opportunities, & faith formation series.

For more information and to view the most recent schedule, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/hsym.

High School Youth Minister: Laura Ginikos at lginikos@stbrigidofkildare.org

Adult Faith Formation

As a way of encouraging all adult parishioners to grow in their knowledge and practice of our faith, St. Brigid of Kildare has established the Adult Faith Formation and Education ministry. Parishioners have opportunities to participate in experiences that are designed to offer on-going growth and development in their Catholic faith. Sr. Teresa Tuite, OP, (ttuite@stbrigidofkildare.org) is the director. The descriptions below are general statements regarding the types of opportunities which will be available during the coming year. Always check the church bulletin and website (www.stbrigidofkildare.org/adult-faith-formation) for the most current offerings.

Topical Study

During the year, we offer topics which cover a broad and sometimes specific spectrum of Catholic life or things related to faith development. Check the bulletin or website for the most recent topics.

Bible Study

During the year Bible Study will be offered to men and women in the evening. These are usually 4-6 weeks, one evening a week. They are meant for those who are not able to commit themselves to a year-long program.

Little Rock Scripture Study

The Little Rock Scripture group meets on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. from August through May. Little Rock offers an opportunity not only for study, but also for incorporating the Scriptures into our personal prayer life.

Tuesday Morning Group

This discussion group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:00 and explores topics which cover a spectrum of Catholic life.
**Women’s Bible Study**
Throughout the year we will offer several opportunities for women to meet, share and pray together. These will typically be 7-week sessions with materials to use throughout the week. The program is offered on Wednesday evenings – 7:00-8:30 PM in Immke Room of Hendricks Hall. To get involved check the bulletin or website for the latest information.

**Men and the Nun**
Men gather together with Sister Teresa to learn, study, share and pray. We meet from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Hendricks Hall. To get involved check the bulletin or website for the latest information.

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**Parish Life**

St. Brigid of Kildare Parish is a vibrant community where we minister to each other by reaching out to serve each other’s needs, sharing our common journey together and celebrating the gifts we have to offer one another.

**55 Plus Club**
All adults over 55, married or single, are invited to join this group. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in Hendricks Hall. Speakers discuss topics related to the educational, spiritual, physical, social and psychological health of seniors. Refreshments and socializing follow each monthly meeting. Local tours are planned throughout the year (examples: Columbus Jazz Orchestra at the Zoo, casino trips, Picnic with the Pops, various Ohio museums and attractions, and local theatrical productions). In addition, an annual potluck picnic is held at Glacier Ridge Park.

There are also men’s breakfasts, women’s brunches, and dinners at local restaurants. On the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., we host a game day with a variety of card and other games in Hendricks Hall. Many members also volunteer in other ministries. The group has First Friday Adoration in the chapel from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. An annual out-of-town trip may be scheduled with an overnight stay. There is a Christmas party at a country club and funds are donated to an unidentified needy family in our parish chosen by our Pastor. Members also pay no dues!

**Athletic Association (SBAA)**
Under the guidelines of the Diocesan Recreation Program, St. Brigid of Kildare offers second through eighth graders of registered parish families an opportunity to participate in athletics. SBAA sports include baseball, softball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, ski & board club, tennis, track & field, cheer and volleyball. Teams from St. Brigid play other Diocesan teams. The main goal is to instill Christian values while building confidence in our youth and teaching the fundamentals of a sport. All children who participate are guaranteed to play. The seventh and eighth grades are the only teams divided into competitive and developmental leagues. All coaches, administration, concession crew, equipment and facility maintenance crews are volunteers. Adults (18 or older) who love sports and enjoy working with children are encouraged to volunteer. Head coaches are required to take a diocesan course called Play Like a Champion, and parents are required to take a diocesan course called Parent Like a Champion. More information and registration information can be found at www.gowolfhounds.com.
CREW (CATHOLICS READY, EAGER AND WILLING)
CREW (Catholics Ready, Eager and Willing) is a new parish group! Throughout the year, there are many times that we could use your hands to help make a difference here at St. Brigid of Kildare. This is not a committee with members and monthly meetings. This is not a year-round commitment. CREW is just a list of parishioners who are ready, eager and willing to help around our campus and during special events.

Sign-up today to receive all the CREW requests via email but only commit to those that appeal to you and fit in your schedule! You’ll meet new people, feel connected to our parish family and be the first to know that we aren’t too shy to ask for help! This unique parish group is perfect for you, your spouse, your friends and kids of all ages! For more information and to sign up to be on the email list, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/CREW.

FAMILY FIRST
Family First is a ministry of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish that seeks to empower parents in their roles as leaders in the home/domestic church. Family First offers insight into all stages of child development and Catholic parenting as well as marriage enrichment. We support the faithful living out of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony as well and seek to encourage families to recognize family life as a true ministry.

Family First currently offers: “Mom to Mom,” a weekly Catholic parenting discussion group, “Make it a Date,” an opportunity to socialize with other married couples after the Saturday evening Mass, to focus on a marriage topic then leave on a date with your spouse to discuss the evening’s topic, “Advent By Candlelight,” an evening for women of the parish to prepare their hearts and minds for Advent, family volunteer opportunities, family enrichment workshops, and links on the parish website of recommended parenting resources. Visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/familyfirst for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society for the purpose of uniting men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members. Since then, the Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 15,000 councils and 1.9 million members worldwide. The St. Brigid Council was formed in 1992 and now has over 200 members contributing to the many projects we do for our parish and community. The Knights of Columbus offer a year-round opportunity to serve and become engaged at St. Brigid with events that support church, community, family, youth and fraternal life at our parish. Some major events include the Father-Daughter Dance, Measure Up Campaign to support the Dublin Special Olympics and OSU Nisonger Center, Sunday Social Knights’ Pancake Breakfasts, K of C Free Throw Championship, support for the High School Youth program, parish Easter Egg Hunt, Council Family Picnic, Annual Golf Outing to support the Knight’s Memorial Scholarship, Roses for Mothers at baptisms, volunteer at the Dublin Food Pantry, Thanksgiving meal delivery, support for scouting, older adult assistance program, and many more. We are always looking for new members as well as new opportunities to support our parish. Membership in the Knights is open to practicing Catholic men age 18 and over. For more information, please visit www.stbrigidkofc.org.

MEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP
Men’s Spirituality Group’s purpose is to awaken, renew and grow the Catholic Spirituality of St. Brigid men. This includes the Annual Retreat, Coffee & Prayer (first and third Saturday of each month) and other Catholic faith opportunities for men of our parish. This group is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but membership in the Knights is not required for participation in the Men’s Spirituality Group.
Social Action Committee
The Social Action Committee was the first established committee of the parish and is the avenue by which our parish has helped those in need in our community and the world. Their mission is to coordinate programs and donations for alleviating human suffering and outreach targeting to the needy in the parish community, the Dublin area and Greater Columbus area. They do not conduct fundraisers on their own behalf as they are fully supported by parish funding. 100% of all money and donations collected are distributed to the recipients of the charitable projects.

General meetings are held every other month and parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to attend (watch the weekly bulletin for dates). Our goal is to provide service opportunities to parish families and we welcome your input. We currently conduct over 20 projects per year, with volunteer commitments ranging from weekly to once/year. Specific project and contact information is located in the Parish Committee Contact Listing, found in the back of this guide. Volunteer opportunities are also included in the weekly bulletin.

The Social Action committee needs parishioner assistance with projects as well as project chairs. Most projects are completed in one weekend. If you can assist the committee with any project, please contact the chair listed at the end of this Guide.

The following is a partial list of some of our activities:

Red Cross Blood Drive
Our parish hosts Red Cross Blood Drives three to four times a year.

Giving Trees
This annual Christmas event gives parishioners the opportunity to donate gifts and financial support to children and adults in need through local organizations, including St. Brigid of Kildare.

Project Magi
Each January, a collection of new and gently used winter clothing is gathered and donated to JOIN, The Cathedral and the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.

School Supplies
Supplies are collected in August and distributed to elementary school students of financially distressed families within the Columbus area.

Habitat for Humanity
This is a volunteer opportunity to build new homes for Habitat partner families.

Respect Life Baby Shower
A baby shower is held in October to benefit Pregnancy Decision Health Center and Women’s Care Center. These are two local organizations that are committed to offering help to women in troubling pregnancies to choose life for their unborn child.

Sandwich Saturday
Volunteers gather on the third Saturday of each month to make 1,000 sandwiches in 30 minutes to be distributed to St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Holy Family Soup Kitchen and St. Lawrence Haven. This is a great family activity, little ones are welcome!
**Meals on Wheels**
Volunteers deliver meals to individuals at home who are unable to purchase or prepare their own meals.

**Additional Charitable Collection Drives**
Social Action Committee also hosts many other charitable collection drives throughout the year. Some of these include the weekly assistance at the Dublin Food Pantry, Halloween Candy Collection, Holiday Food Collection, Ash Wednesday Food Collection, Rice Bowl Collection, Easter Basket Collection and Holy Casseroles. To learn more about these drives, contact the Social Action Project Chair.

**Sunday Socials**
Come to Mass and then stay, eat and mingle! Breakfast refreshments are served in Hendricks Hall immediately following the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses. This is a wonderful way to be a part of our parish family. All are invited to attend.

**Volunteer Opportunity**
Looking for a quick and easy way to get involved at St. Brigid of Kildare? Consider hosting a Sunday Social! All the details are taken care of, we just need your helpful hands to set-up, serve and clean-up. Gather your family or a group of friends, pick a Sunday that works for you and come share your time and talents with the St. Brigid Parish Community. If you would like to volunteer to help during a Sunday Social, please email Amie Lopez at aslopez@stbrigidofkildare.org.

**Sunshine Committee**
This group of volunteers offer support to parish families who are experiencing illness or injuries. In addition, they help those who have had a baby to celebrate the arrival. They provide home cooked dinners and can be available for other services as needed. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please see the chair listed at the end of this Guide, or the parish office.

**That Man Is You!**
That Man is You! Is an interactive men’s program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. That Man is You! will begin at St. Brigid of Kildare Saturday, September 7, 2019 and will be held in Hendricks Halls from 7-8:00 a.m., with optional social time afterwards. For more information and to register, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/TMIY.

**Volunteer Dinner Dance**
The parish celebrates and thanks those adult volunteers who volunteer at St. Brigid with a casual evening of food, fun and dancing. All who give of their time and talent are invited to come. Volunteers are needed to plan and put on this fun event. To volunteer, please contact the parish office at 614-761-3734.
**Women’s Club**

The Women’s Club is an inclusive women’s group that strives to share the light of God and to be the light in our community. We’re here to humbly serve the church and its mission, and to live a Christian life in our words - and in our works. All women are welcome! The group meets the third Wednesday of each month with programs designed to encourage personal, social and spiritual growth. Upcoming events include a Blanket Bee where we'll make blankets for cancer survivors (bring a friend, or your son or daughter to this wonderful event, which counts for service hours for Confirmation), a St. Patrick’s Day party for patients and their families at the Ronald McDonald house, a Dress for Success clothing drive benefiting women who are re-entering the workforce, and a Dublin boutique hop. We’re excited to bring you inspirational speakers, while focusing on giving back to the community. To learn more, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.org/womens-club. We’d love to have you join us!

**Young Adult Ministry**

Young Adult Ministry is geared towards adults in their 20’s and 30’s, single and married, wishing to explore and deepen their Catholic faith. We meet throughout the year for book discussions, formation series, service opportunities, and social gatherings.

Check the bulletin for upcoming events or the website at www.stbrigidofkildare.org/young-adult-ministry, or email Laura Ginikos at lginikos@stbrigidofkildare.org to be added to our monthly Young Adult Ministry email list.
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