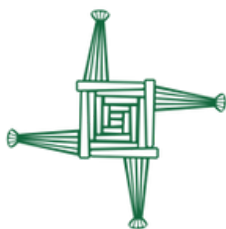


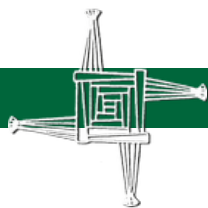
# ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE

# GUIDE TO PARISH LIFE

## 2025-2026



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## PARISH AND SCHOOL STAFF

### ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE PARISH

7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017  
Mailing Address: PO Box 3130, Dublin, OH 43016  
Office: 614-761-3734 Fax: 614-889-6638  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon - Thurs  
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon Fri  
Campus Phone (evening & weekends):  
614-980-8506  
Website: [www.stbrigidofkildare.org](http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org)

Father James Black, Pastor  
Father Jason Fox, Parochial Vicar  
Father Tyler Carter, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Frank Iannarino  
Deacon Paul Zemanek  
Deacon Don Poirier, Retired  
Kim VanHuffel, Pastoral Associate  
Karen Cremeans, Office Manager  
Bridget Malloy, Bulletin Editor  
Mary Cay Pelot, Receptionist/Admin Assistant  
Joanie Roma, Ministry Scheduler  
Jake Groce, Facility Manager  
Paul Melcher, Director of Sacred Music  
Chelsea Melcher, Asst. Director of Sacred Music  
Becky O'Connor, Business Manager  
Jackie Mack, Revenue Manager  
Sarah Moore, Development Director  
Allie Wing, Marketing & Communications Director  
Amie Lopez, Parish Life Coordinator  
Ellie Dills, High School Youth Minister  
Aaron Quinn, Athletic Director  
Brad Marzullo, Safe Environment Coordinator  
Will Malerich, Field & Landscape Specialist

### ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL

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School Office: 614-718-5825 Fax: 614-718-5831  
School Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mon-Fri  
Website: [www.stbrigidofkildare.com](http://www.stbrigidofkildare.com)

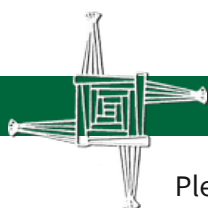
Kathy O'Reilly, Principal  
Jill Carfagna, Assistant Principal & Dir of Student Learning  
Chris Mazon, Director of Operations  
Mackenzie Veeder, Director of Student Life  
Christy Pollina, School Receptionist  
Andrea O'Reilly, School Office Manager  
Meredith Dorley, Admissions Director  
Hillary Bell, Preschool Director  
Natalia Banks, Wolfhound Clubhouse Director  
Todd Heck, School Safety Coordinator

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

7175 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017  
Office: 614-761-1176  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon - Thurs  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Fri

The Religious Education offices are located in the rear of Enke Hall. During school hours, please go to the St. Brigid School Main Office to be let in. After hours, go to the far northwest entrance (door 'E' — under the porch) and ring the bell.

Andrea Komenda, Director of Religious Education  
Jen McManus, Administrative Coordinator  
Lauren Geibel, Administrative Assistant  
Beth Kelty, Administrative Assistant



## MASS SCHEDULE

Please refer to [stbrigidofkildare.org/mass](http://stbrigidofkildare.org/mass) for the most current schedule.

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

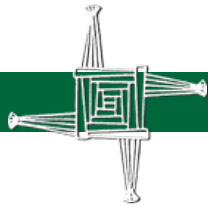
Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 9:30 a.m.



## STAY IN THE KNOW WITH ST. BRIGID

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

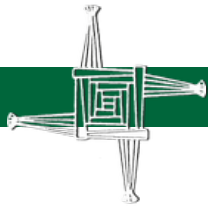
**Ministry Weekend** - September 13-14, 2025  
**Blessing of Animals** - October 4, 2025, 10 a.m.  
**Advent by Candlelight** - November 20, 2025  
**Parish Cookie Exchange** - December 13, 2025, 10 a.m.  
**Cookies with Santa** - December 17, 2025, 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
**Feast of St. Brigid**—February 1, 2026  
**Family Bingo Night** - October 2, 2025, 7 p.m.  
**SPiCE Corks for a Cause** - March 7, 2026  
**High School Senior Brunch** - May 5, 2026  
**Parish Picnic** - June 14, 2025  
**Vacation Bible School** - June 15-19, 2026

### PARISH DRIVES:

Oct/Nov: Thanksgiving Box Collection  
November: Halloween Candy Collection  
Nov/Dec: Giving Tree  
January: Project Magi  
Feb/March: Ash Wednesday Food Collection  
June: Father's Day Food Collection  
July: Bishop Griffin Food Collection  
August: School Supply Collection

INFORMATION	HOW TO ACCESS
Mass Times	Visit <a href="http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/mass">www.stbrigidofkildare.org/mass</a>
Sign Up to Receive Emails	Visit <a href="http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org">www.stbrigidofkildare.org</a> , and click "Sign Ups," then find the Email Sign Ups. . Email choices include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common Threads (monthly email newsletter)</li><li>• Gospel Reflections (weekly emails with gospel reflections written by our clergy)</li><li>• Bulletin (sent on Saturdays)</li></ul>
Social Media	Parish Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/stbrigidparish">facebook.com/stbrigidparish</a> School Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/stbrigidschool">facebook.com/stbrigidschool</a> Parish Instagram: @stbrigidparish School Instagram: @stbrigidkildareschool YouTube channel: <a href="https://youtube.com/stbrigidofkildarechurch">youtube.com/stbrigidofkildarechurch</a>
Parish Website	<a href="http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org">www.stbrigidofkildare.org</a> Scroll down to "Our News" to see the latest news posts.
School Website	<a href="http://www.stbrigidofkildare.com">www.stbrigidofkildare.com</a> Scroll down to "Our News" to see the latest news posts.
Bulletin & Children's Bulletin	The bulletin is available after Mass each weekend, and also on the website. Visit <a href="http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org">www.stbrigidofkildare.org</a> and click "Bulletins." Sign up on this page to have the bulletin and its sponsors emailed every Saturday.
Calendar of Events	Visit <a href="http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org">www.stbrigidofkildare.org</a> and scroll to "Calendar."





# HOLY DAYS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

## 2025-2026

**For specifics on the Mass times regarding when these days will be celebrated at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, please refer to the parish bulletin or parish website calendar.**

**All Saints' Day:** Saturday, November 1, 2025

**Feast of all Souls:** Sunday, November 2, 2025

**Christ the King:** Sunday, November 23, 2025

**First Sunday of Advent:** Sunday, November 30, 2025

**Immaculate Conception:** Monday, December 8, 2025

**Christmas Day:** Thursday, December 25, 2025

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** Thursday, January 1, 2026

**Epiphany:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026

**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Thursday, April 2, 2026

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion:** Friday, April 3, 2026

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, April 3, 2026

**Blessing of Food:** Saturday, April 4, 2026

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday, April 4, 2026

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday, April 5, 2026

**Ascension of the Lord:**

Thursday, May 14, 2026

**Pentecost:**

Sunday, May 24, 2026

**Holy Trinity:**

Sunday, May 31, 2026

**Body and Blood of Christ:**

Sunday, June 7, 2026

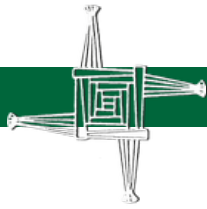
**Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

Friday, June 12, 2026

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Saturday, August 15, 2026





## 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 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Fridays. 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 11:00 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. 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 St. 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, St. 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. You may be asked to attend a Jordan Conference (a Baptism preparation class).

### **Help my child to receive their First Communion or be Confirmed?**

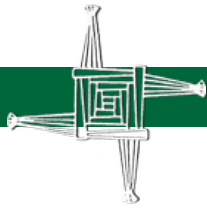
Typically children receive their First Communion in second grade. They are prepared through their first and second grade religion classes at St. Brigid School or the Religious Education program. If the child is beyond second grade, s/he should join the Sacraments Class, offered on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. throughout the school year. Contact Andrea Komenda for enrollment at [akomenda@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto: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?**

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 Pastoral Associate, Kim VanHuffel ([kvanhuffel@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:kvanhuffel@stbrigidofkildare.org), 614-761-3734) is available to walk the family through the planning and execution of the funeral Mass or service. She 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.



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### **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. Requests for Mass intentions are released online twice a year. Please call the parish office at 614-761-3734 or check the bulletin for additional information.

### **Register my child at Saint Brigid of Kildare School or Preschool?**

Please call the school office at 614-718-5825, and visit [www.stbrigidofkildare.com](http://www.stbrigidofkildare.com) for applications.

### **Register my child in Religious Education classes?**

Please call the Religious Education office at 614-761-1176 or visit [www.stbrigidofkildare.org/RelEd](http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/RelEd).

### **Get something published in the parish bulletin or Common Threads newsletter?**

Please submit your article for the bulletin to Bridget Malloy by emailing it to [bmalley@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:bmalley@stbrigidofkildare.org). The deadline to submit articles is Thursday at noon, eleven days prior to the bulletin publication date. The Common Threads is published the third Thursday of every month. For Common Threads submissions, email Allie Wing at [awing@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:awing@stbrigidofkildare.org).

### **Become a Catholic or return to the Church?**

The OCIA (Order 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 OCIA or returning to the church can contact Kim VanHuffel ([kvanhuffel@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:kvanhuffel@stbrigidofkildare.org)).

### **Have someone or something added to the prayer chain?**

Send prayer requests to Karen Cremeans at [kcremeans@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:kcremeans@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 in a hospital, nursing home, or confined to home. Please call the parish office at 614-761-3734 during business hours, or the Rectory emergency telephone number at 614-717-0706.

### **Have a member of our pastoral staff visit someone who is sick?**

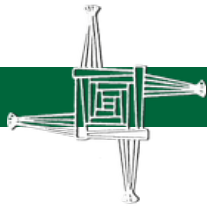
The parish's priests, deacons, and pastoral associates, as well as trained volunteer ministers are always available to visit with and bring Communion to members of the parish who are homebound or who are residents of a long-term care facility. Please contact Deacon Paul Zemanek at [pjzemanek@yahoo.com](mailto:pjzemanek@yahoo.com) 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 in preparing yearly budgets. Contact the parish office and let them know your pledge amount and if you would like to donate monthly, quarterly or once yearly, or to set up recurring online giving that can be self-managed, visit [www.stbrigidofkildare.org](http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org) and click "Donate", then click the "Tapestry Offertory Form" and complete the form. This method is safe, easy and convenient.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

### BECOMING A PARISH VOLUNTEER

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 Parish, 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 our society, in the community, in the neighborhood, and in the family.

At St. Brigid of Kildare Church, “Best Practice” policies have been established to ensure the safety of our children in every parish and school activity. Our Safe Environment Program was designed for the protection of our children. With that in mind, ALL VOLUNTEERS 18 years of age and older (Athletics, Club Sports, Nursery, School, Scouts, Religious Education, High School Youth Ministry and all other programs involving children) must complete the following procedures prior to the first day of volunteering:

1. Complete a Protecting God’s Children (PGC) awareness session offered throughout the Diocese of Columbus. This program helps raise the awareness of adult volunteers for the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse and steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse.
2. Undergo a Civilian Criminal Background/Fingerprint check (BCI&I) and if needed, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (see instructions for completing a fingerprinting background check below).
3. Complete a Raptor Volunteer Application which includes the signed Code of Conduct and copy of driver’s license or photo ID.

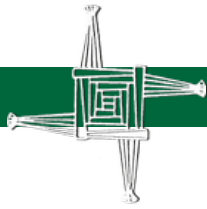
Additional details on completing each of these steps is available at [www.stbrigidofkildare.org](http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org) (hover over Welcome, then click Safe Environment).

Please contact Brad Marzullo, Safe Environment Coordinator at [bmarzullo@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:bmarzullo@stbrigidofkildare.org) or (614) 761-3734 ext. 249 if you have any questions.

Through these initiatives, we optimize child safe environments and empower our staff and volunteers to protect our children.







## PARISH COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES

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### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

#### **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.

#### **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 that sets the agenda and determines the focus and goals for the year.

#### **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.

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

Special People in Catholic Education (SPiCE) supports the education of children with special learning needs in our parish and school. We value each student’s unique spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, cultural, and emotional needs. Each child in our parish is a child of God, and our program supports the educational needs of all children as we strive to serve a variety of learning styles which provides diversity in the classroom environment.

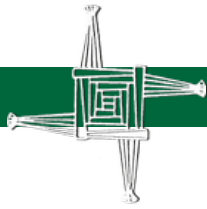
SPiCE Corks for a Cause Wine Tasting is the largest fundraiser for our parish. It is a night of fun and fellowship that raises over \$120,000 for our SPiCE program. There are multiple volunteer opportunities such as decorations, silent auction, sponsorships, and set up. Meetings begin in November to plan the March event, and everyone is welcome.

#### **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. The committee hosts several welcome events during the year, which are great ways to meet other parishioners and get involved in the parish. The committee also has a table monthly in the gathering area at Church or at Sunday Socials. This is a time when individuals and families can fill out a parish membership form and receive their welcome packet.







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### WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

#### **Liturgical Ministries**

Every weekend Mass is planned and celebrated with the support of over 20 lay ministers. These include Liturgical Ministry Captains, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Junior Ushers, and Altar Servers. You must be trained and commissioned in your respective ministry to serve in a liturgical role for St. Brigid of Kildare Parish.

#### **Church Art and Environment**

Committee volunteers ensure that the church is decorated each week according to the season and celebrations of the Church calendar. Volunteers are needed to help water and maintain green plants and altar arrangements each week and to help decorate the church for Christmas and Easter.

#### **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 4:00 p.m. with benediction. All are invited to stop by at any time to pray or if you prefer, to commit to a scheduled time for adoration. Our parish also holds weekly Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel every Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome. No sign up is needed.

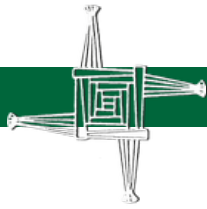
#### **Family Rosary**

All are invited to come and pray the rosary each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the church cry room, as well as before Vespers during Advent and Lent. There is also a rosary every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in church before the 9:00 a.m. Mass, which parishioners are invited to sign up to lead. 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 scenes." Ideally, the commitment is once a month or less.





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### MUSIC MINISTRIES

#### Adult Choir

The Adult choir (St. Brigid Choir) has rehearsal on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass September through May. They also sing for Holy Week, Confirmation and occasional special Masses.

#### Children's Choir

The children's choir (grades 1-6) 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.) Mass. Rehearsals are Sundays from 10:05-10:50 a.m. in the Church Basement.

#### Youth Ensemble

The Youth Ensemble is open to 7th – 12th graders who love to sing! Members of the Youth Ensemble sing for the Feast of the Assumption August 14-15, Immaculate Conception December 7-8 and First Communion Masses on May 9. Rehearsals for the youth ensemble will be held 6-8 weeks preceding Masses sung on Sundays 11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m. in Enke Hall

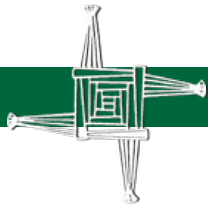
#### Cantors

Cantors assist at all weekend Masses by leading Antiphons, Psalms and select verses at Mass when the choir is present and for all music of the Mass when the choir is absent.

#### Instrumentalists

Instrumentalists all ages interested in being involved at St. Brigid should contact Paul Melcher by emailing [pmelcher@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:pmelcher@stbrigidofkildare.org).





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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

#### Marriage Formation Weekend

Marriage Formation Weekend is a two-day program and is scheduled two times each year (February and June). 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 Marriage Formation team. This is an opportunity for these couples to strengthen their marriage while ministering with others.

#### Couple to Couple

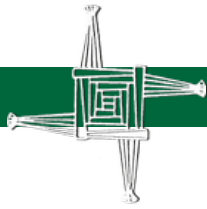
Engaged couples wishing to wed at St. Brigid are assigned to a married couple of the parish. The married couple facilitates discussion of results from the Fully Engaged survey completed by the engaged couple. Members of this ministry team receive extensive training and must be recommended by team members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

#### Jordan Conference

Prior to scheduling the Baptism, all first-time parents are required to attend a Jordan Conference instructional session. We encourage you to attend a Jordan Conference before the birth of your child, as both parents must attend. Childcare will not be provided during the conference. The sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. quarterly on the first Wednesday of February, May, August, and November and take about two and ½ hours to complete. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month year-round (with exceptions at Easter and Christmas).







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### HEALING MINISTRIES

#### **Funeral Planning**

If you experience the loss of a loved one and want a funeral Mass at St. Brigid, please contact Kim VanHuffel, Pastoral Associate. Parishioners may also choose to preplan their funerals.

#### **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, set up and clean up, many volunteers are needed to purchase and drop off food in Hendricks Hall the morning of the funeral.



#### **Funeral Ushers**

Volunteers greet families as they arrive for funerals, pass out programs, help with reserving pews and putting out tissues, and generally just being around to help where needed for the funeral.

#### **Ministry to the Bereaved**

St. Brigid's pastoral associate, Kim VanHuffel, 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. To learn about grief support options, reach out to Kim VanHuffel at [kvanhuffel@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:kvanhuffel@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.

#### **Prayer Chain**

Members of the prayer chain receive e-mails regarding specific intentions that parishioners have asked to have remembered in prayer.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Members of this ministry – individually at home, or as a group in Hendricks Hall – knit, crochet, quilt or sew shawls, lap blankets, and baby blankets to be given to parishioners who are sick, homebound, or grieving.

#### **Visitation to Hospitals**

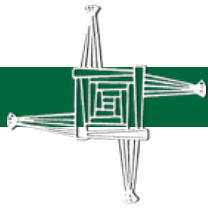
The priests are available to visit any parishioners or their family members in local hospitals. If you would like to receive Holy Communion while you are hospitalized, let your nurse know. Every hospital in Central Ohio has Eucharistic Ministers available.

#### **Visitation to the Sick and Homebound**

For those in our parish family who are unable to join us for Mass on Sunday due to aging in place or an illness, we have a committed group of volunteers who bring the Eucharist to them.

#### **Parishioners Helping Parishioners**

Volunteers help parishioners who need assistance with everyday tasks, rides to appointments, or would like a friendly visitor. This ministry is looking for volunteers to help serve these parishioners. We are also looking for parishioners who need assistance because of their age or a medical condition.



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### YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 9 a.m. Mass. Children (non-communed children, preschool through grade 2), may join us in the Church basement to hear the Children's Liturgy of the Word from the Children's Lectionary as well as hear a teaching about the readings of the day. We require two shepherds to facilitate this opportunity for our families. The first shepherd is the leader of the readings and lesson for the day and the second shepherd assists the first.

#### **Children's Play Group**

Playgroup is a community of parents and children of all ages who enjoy making new friends, supporting each other, and exploring the Dublin/Columbus area. Playgroup typically meets on Tuesdays around 9:30 a.m. and visits various parks, playgrounds, story times, or other kid friendly places in the area.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

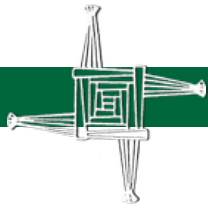
Vacation Bible School is a summer day camp that offers children a safe and fun environment where they can come to know the traditions of our Catholic faith and grow in their love of our faith through elements of faith, music, service, craft, games, and snack. All St. Brigid of Kildare parish children (age 4 - entering grade 5) are invited to attend, and students entering 7th grade - 12th grade and all PGC-certified adults are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents.

#### **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. 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.

St. Brigid is also home to the Girl Scouts, a wonderful opportunity for girls to participate in programs related to the arts, science and technology, outdoor activities, and community service. They will also gain team-building and leadership experience needed to help them on their journey in becoming successful young women.





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### ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL

The St. Brigid of Kildare School community, in order to know and live out our Catholic faith, seeks to nurture grace and wisdom. Each individual's unique gifts are developed through strong academic experiences focused on serving God and His kingdom.

St. Brigid of Kildare School 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. Our school offers multiple preschool schedules, as well as all-day school for kindergarten through eighth grade.

#### **Wolfhound Clubhouse**

Before and after school care is available to all school-aged children beginning at 7:00 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. This program features on-site supervised social time, recreational time, creative and imaginative play, arts, crafts, and quiet time for homework.

#### **Preschool**

St. 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.

#### **Home and School Association**

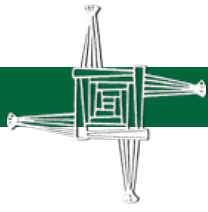
Our Home and School Association strives to enrich the Catholic school experience for students and their families by providing a volunteer base and money for supplemental programs, fun activities, and classroom equipment.

#### **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.







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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (FAMILY OF FAITH)

#### K-8th Grade Religious Education

Catholic faith formation is a lifelong process of spiritual growth, increased understanding, and commitment to the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church. Our desire at St. Brigid of Kildare is to share as a community in the ministry of Christ, living as One Family and sharing in our One Faith. We hold dear the vital sacramental life of the Church, given to us by Christ, calling each of us to act justly, with love and mercy, living in communion with one another. Following Christ is a lifelong journey and we invite you to join us.



Family of Faith is a model of catechesis for kindergarten through eighth-grade children that places the joy of sharing the Catholic faith with family and the community in the parish, and the core of learning the Catholic faith with supported resources in the home. It equips and empowers families to learn about and practice the Catholic faith together, ultimately serving as a family formation model. Family of Faith will focus on each family's relationships with the Lord and with one another, the life of prayer and ritual in the home, and the call to reach out and serve others as part of our baptismal mission. It will provide experiences of prayer, learning (catechesis), and service for families to participate in together.

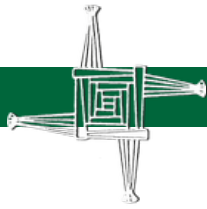
#### Religious Education Advisory Council

The mission of the Religious Education Advisory Council is to plan and provide for the ongoing faith formation needs of our community. Religious Education Advisory Council members represent not only the Religious Education families but also St. Brigid of Kildare School and liaisons from many other parish committees. All members of the parish are invited to apply for the Religious Education Advisory Council.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: THE MANTLE

St. Brigid High School Youth Ministry (The Mantle) invites all high school students, grades 9-12, to join us for community, fun, and faith formation! The goal of The Mantle is to lead high school youth and their parents to encounter Christ and to equip them to live as life-long disciples. The Mantle seeks to live this mission through offering opportunities that invite high school youth to connect with Catholic peers, deepen their Catholic faith through leadership formation, prayer and fellowship, service opportunities, and select special events throughout the year.





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### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation is the lifelong process of finding and falling in love with God in the midst of our human lives. We have several Adult Faith offerings to meet the time and demographic preferences of our parishioners. Look in the bulletin for more information about what each group is studying throughout the year.



#### Wednesday Evening and Thursday Morning Groups

This group is for any adult who would like to enrich their faith in community with others. We share a light meal, watch a video together, and then discuss it in small groups. Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the Berry Room.

#### Women's Bible Study

Join other women to deepen your relationship with Christ, together in community through the study of Scripture. Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Carr Room.

#### Men's Bible Study

Join other men to reach a deeper relationship with God through a better understanding of Scripture, and to grow as faith-filled men as a result. Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Deacon Room.

#### Sisters in Christ

This ministry cultivates prayer and community with other women. Join us for a video, fellowship, and faith. Wednesdays from 1:15 -2:45 p.m. in the Deacon Room.

#### That Man is You

Want to be a better husband, father, brother, grandfather, Catholic man? Join other men for small group discussions on issues men face in the world today, examining them from the perspective of social and medical science and of course, church teaching! Join Saturday mornings for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and program from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Immke Room.

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) (Becoming Catholic)

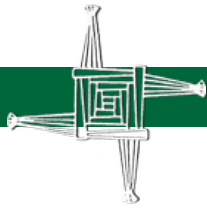
This group is for any adult who may want to become Catholic, or any Catholic who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Berry Room.

#### Walking With Purpose

Walking With Purpose bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Immke Room.

#### Columbus Catholic Men's Conference

The Columbus Catholic Men's Conference is a one-day event featuring powerful Catholic speakers, sacraments, food, faith organizations and fellowship. ***St Brigid is the host parish for this conference in 2025 and 2026 and will need more than 100 men to help run the conference those years.*** Contact Dave Hritzak (St. Brigid coordinator) to volunteer at [DaveHritzak@gmail.com](mailto:DaveHritzak@gmail.com).



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### PARISH LIFE

#### 55+ Club

All adults over 55, married or single, are invited to join this group. The club usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Hendricks Hall. The meetings start at 1:00 p.m. Speakers discuss topics related to the spiritual, educational, physical, social, and psychological health of seniors.

#### Athletic Association (SBAA)

Under the guidelines of the Diocesan Recreation Program, St. Brigid of Kildare offers first through eighth graders of registered parish families an opportunity to participate in athletics. Teams from St. Brigid play other diocesan teams. The main goal is to build confidence in our youth while teaching the fundamentals of a sport. For more information and registration, visit the SBAA website at [gowolfhounds.com](http://gowolfhounds.com).

#### CREW (Catholics Ready, Eager, and Willing)

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.

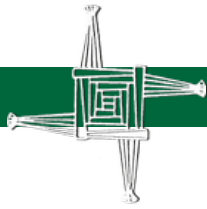
#### Family First

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. The group supports the faithful living out of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony as well and seeks 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.







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### PARISH LIFE

#### **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. 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. To visit the St. Brigid of Kildare Knights of Columbus website, visit [www.stbrigidkofc.org](http://www.stbrigidkofc.org).

#### **Men's Retreat**

The Cornerstone Men's Retreat is a two-day retreat where men of our parish have the opportunity to engage in the Sacraments, interesting talks and fellowship with other men of the parish. Many participants feel that the weekend experience has been among the most powerful and positive of their lives. The atmosphere is casual, and you will begin friendships that can last a lifetime.

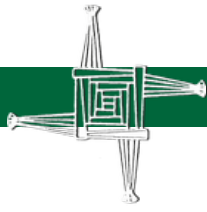
#### **Men's Spirituality Group**

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 the greater Columbus area. We currently conduct over 20 projects per year, with volunteer commitments ranging from weekly to once a year. Specific project and contact information is located in the Parish Committee Contact Listing. Volunteer opportunities are also included in the weekly bulletin.





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### PARISH LIFE

#### **Soup Suppers**

During Lent, we share a simple meal of bread and soup together as a parish community. We meet on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Hendricks Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the church. All Soup Supper committee members will receive an invite to sign up to help the hosts (a volunteer committee within the parish) during the dinner and to bring soup or bread to share.

#### **Sunday Socials**

Sunday Socials are monthly gatherings in Hendricks Hall after the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. Parishioners are invited to join in fellowship with one another and enjoy breakfast refreshments. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Bring your family or coordinate with a group of friends and come be a part of the St. Brigid parish community in an easy way.

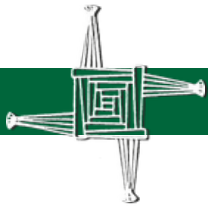
#### **Sunshine Committee**

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.

#### **Women's Retreat**

The St. Brigid of Kildare Women's Retreat is a two-day retreat for women of the parish to experience more deeply the power and grace of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Women awaken, renew, and grow their spiritual connection to Jesus and their faith through fellowship with other women. It is a time to get away from the daily stresses and distractions at home to focus on God, and spend time in quiet and prayer.





# PARISH COMMITTEE CONTACT LIST

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Parochial Vicar  
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Revenue Manager  
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Development Director  
Marketing & Communications Director  
Office Manager  
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Receptionist/Admin Assistant  
Director of Sacred Music  
Ministry Scheduler  
Parish Life Coordinator  
Athletic Director

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Deacon Paul Zemanek  
Deacon Don Poirier  
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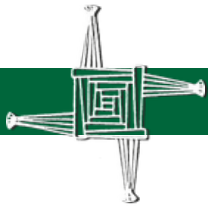
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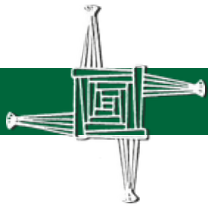
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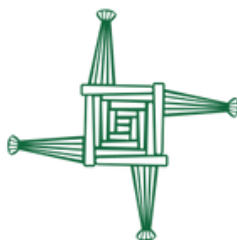
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