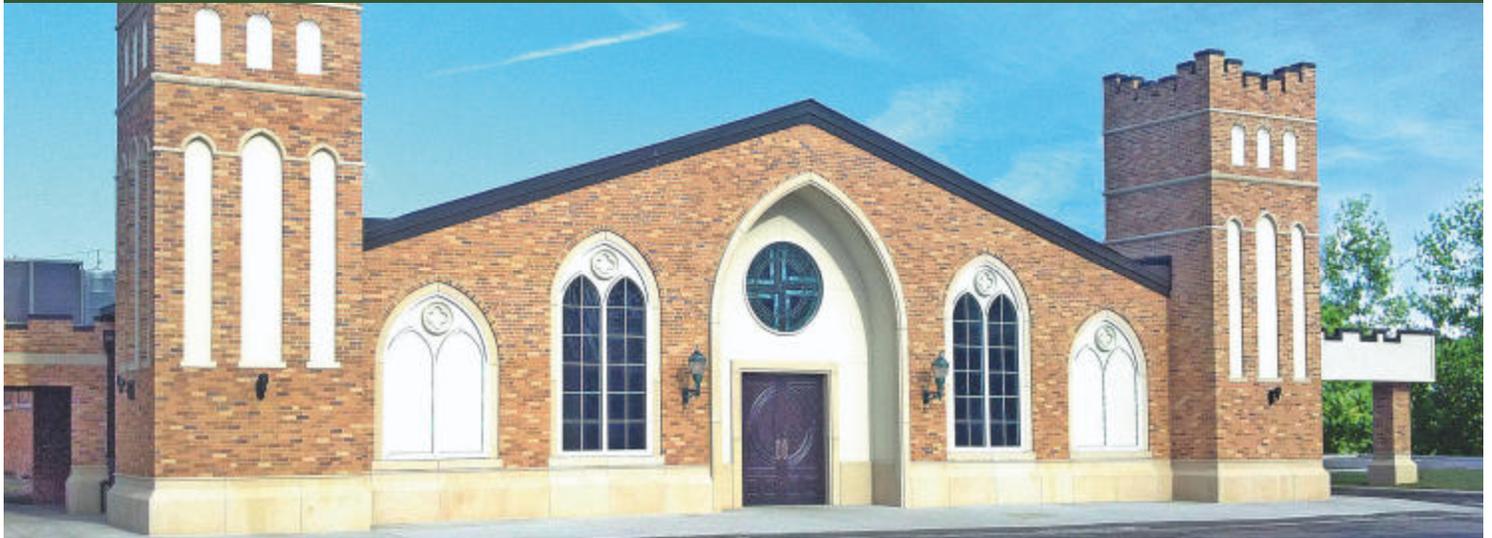




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APRIL 18, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday:

9:00AM–12:00 Noon, 1:00–3:00PM

(The office is closed on weekends)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigils 4:00PM & 5:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday at 8:30AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00PM in School Meeting Room #1, or by appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Our warmest welcome. To register at the parish, please call the parish secretary at 440-886-4434. If you have a question about the Catholic faith, we will always do our best to help. Please ask to speak with the pastor.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Brigid of Kildare, a Roman Catholic parish, exists to live and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all as we reach out to the entire community through prayer, sacrament, education and support.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert W. Wisniewski, Jr.
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Assisting Celebrant
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Secretary to the Pastor/Parish Office Secretary
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School Secretary
Parish Catechetical Leader
Youth Ministry Director
Parish Music Director
Parish & School Accountant
Parish Nurse
Facilities Manager

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming new members into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please call the pastor. The initiation rites for children (First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation) are provided through the parish school and the PSR program.

BAPTISM: Parents are asked to attend an information and faith enrichment session before scheduling the baptism of their first child. Sessions are held in February, June & October. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00PM. Arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the pastor to make arrangements for your wedding before any other arrangements are made. Diocesan policy requires at least a six month notification in order to complete the necessary preparation.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITATION WITH COMMUNION: Please notify the parish office if you will be hospitalized or require an extended stay at a nursing facility.

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Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

Monday, April 19

8:30AM The People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 20

8:30AM Martin Henning

Wednesday, April 21 ~ St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals Day

8:30AM Evelyn Matysiak

Thursday, April 22 ~ Earth Day

8:30AM Andy Fraselak

Friday, April 23 ~ St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:30AM Donald Hinder

Saturday, April 24 ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

4:00PM Alma Arcangelini

5:30PM Kathy Lippert

Sunday, April 25 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00AM Ruth & Charles Stack

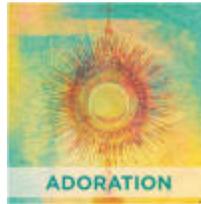
10:00AM Virginia Supik

12:00PM Loretta Jane Goydos-Hrdlicka

New Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, the new schedule is available for pick-up in the sacristy. Please be sure to take home a copy. Thank you.

All Day Adoration on Wednesdays



The church is open every Wednesday for Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00AM to 6:30PM. Come and spend time in prayer in the Eucharistic presence of our Lord. Please park in the handicap lot next to the church and enter through one of the side doors under the carport.

"It is by taking time out to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that this relationship with Our Lord begins to increase, and grow and blossom. ...Adoration builds community. The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, Jesus unifying His people. Through the intimacy of quiet prayer with Jesus, one experiences the personal love of the Savior and grasps the reality that we are all one with the whole Body of Christ." ~ St. John Paul II

Adult Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of adult Altar Servers. Members of this ministry serve at the altar and assist the priests at funerals and at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Good Friday Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Those who served during their youth are invited to join the Adult Servers at St. Bridget of Kildare, however, no experience is required and training is available. For more information, please call Steve Melchioris at 216-898-5838

Online Giving

St. Bridget of Kildare Parish offers Online Giving. This convenient service does not require you to contact your bank to sign up. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the amount that you set up will be automatically transferred to our church bank account. Simply visit our parish website, stbridgetparma.com and click the "Donate" tab to learn more and to sign up. Please consider this option to begin contributing automatically to our parish. Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory Collection Update

Offertory collection for Easter, April 3/4

-Combined Mail-in/Drop-off & Offertory at Mass..... \$23,661.00

-Online Giving..... \$4,385.00

Total Offertory.....\$28,046.00

-Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$1,349.00

Offertory collection for Easter, April 10/11

-Mail-in/Drop-off Offertory \$9,072.00

-Offertory Collection at Mass \$5,954.50

-Online Giving..... \$3,101.00

Total Offertory.....\$18,127.50

THANK YOU!

Mother's Day Cards



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. Cards are available at the narthex Information Center for \$2.00 each. Please place your donation in the envelope provided, write your loved one's name on the front, and place it in the countertop money slot next to the cards. Then take home the card of your choice. All Masses the weekend of May 8th & 9th will be offered for the Mother's Day Intentions.

Annual May Crowning, Sunday, May 9th



In a very special way, this year the Ladies Guild will honor all mothers as we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother at the conclusion of the 12:00 Noon Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. Mary was chosen by God to bear His Son. She listened to God's Word, kept it in her heart, and remained close to her Son, all the way to the foot of the cross. A wreath of flowers will adorn our statue of Mary and a garland of flowers will be placed on her head during this beautiful celebration. Please join us.

Welcome to St. Bridget of Kildare Parish

Parish Council Meeting, May 12th



The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00PM in School Meeting Room #2.

Monthly Anointing Mass Schedule



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered on the **second Thursday each month after 8:30AM Mass. (The next opportunity will be Thursday, May 13th.)** All are welcome to attend Mass and to be Anointed.

“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”

Mass Attendance

The church remains open for weekday Mass at 8:30AM and weekend Masses, with Saturday Vigils at 4:00 and 5:30PM and Sunday Masses at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon. The weekly opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 3:00PM in School Meeting Room #1. Please enter the school building through the silver breezeway doors next to the church and follow the signs. **Masks are required and social distancing must be maintained.** An important reminder for persons in the “at-risk” category and those caring for a senior or at-risk family member to please consider staying home, and those who are not feeling well or have a fever of 100.4 or higher are asked to stay home. We will continue to record and post the weekly Sunday Mass on our parish website, stbridgetparma.com. **Those without internet access can watch the weekly Diocesan television Mass, now airing on Sundays at 10:00AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43.** In addition, the Mass can be heard on the radio, at 4:00PM on Saturdays and 10:30AM on Sundays on AM 1260 The Rock. Radio station WINT-1330 AM airs the Mass at 9:00AM on Sundays and Cox Communications cable subscribers can view the Mass at 11:30AM on Sundays on channel 45. Please strive to keep the Lord’s Day holy and join in a Spiritual Communion while watching the Mass on the internet or the television.

Act of Spiritual Communion: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

Parish Activities this Week

Monday, April 19

8:25AM Miraculous Medal Novena (CH)

Wednesday, April 21

9:00AM-6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)

Saturday, April 24

3:00PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation (M1) *{Enter the school building through the silver breezeway doors. If the door to Meeting Room #1 is open, walk to the designated spot (face-to-face or behind the screen). Six feet of space is marked between the presider and penitent. If the door to Meeting Room # 1 is closed, another penitent is already seated. Remain outside the room at the designated spot while waiting, maintaining 6 feet of space between other individuals in line.}*

Sunday, April 25

10:45AM PSR(S)

BH Blair Hall	N arthex	School M eeting Room 3
CH urch	G rove	R ectory Meeting Room
C ommons	O utdoor F ield	R ectory C ounting Room
S chool	School M eeting Room 1	R ectory C onference R oom
S chool CH apel	School M eeting Room 2	School M usic Room

Please Pray for our Faithful Departed



Please remember in prayer our faithful departed, including **Sam LaNasa, Roman Matysiak** and all who have gone before us.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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What if your financial institution allowed you to finance a car at a low rate, AND support your local Catholic church? Unity Catholic gives you this option with its *Giving Back Auto Loan*. Members can get an auto loan with rates as low as **1.99% APR** while selecting the Catholic parish of their choice for Unity Catholic to donate \$50.00. You get a new car, you get the chance to give back and you’re supporting your local parish. Remember to designate St. Bridget of Kildare Parish when you apply for your auto loan and we will receive \$50.00 for each approved loan. Thank you for remembering St. Bridget of Kildare Parish.

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St. Bridget of Kildare Parish Website

Stay connected to St. Bridget of Kildare Parish and learn more about our Catholic faith on the parish website, stbridgetparma.com. You can watch Fr. Rob and Deacon Jim celebrate Mass each weekend, view the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction, read the weekly bulletin (our primary method of communication), learn about our various parish ministries and our many stewardship opportunities, stay up-to-date on important announcements, and more. There is also a wealth of information available about our Catholic faith, the Sacraments and current issues we are facing as a faith community, including links at the bottom of each page that are updated regularly. Click the *Daily Meditations* link for the daily readings, Click *Faith In Action* for stories and experiences from other Catholics, games and family activities, and click *Catholic News and Perspectives* for news covering the most pressing Catholic issues. Please be sure to check back regularly!

Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, being held July 12th through the 16th. The theme will be, *Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through*. Registration Forms for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade will available the weekend of April 24th & 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cindy Grogan, Youth Ministry Director at 440.886.1468, ext. 13 or stbridgetyouthgroup13@gmail.com.

AM 1260 The Rock’s Spring Spirit Drive



It’s that time again! The Spring Spirit Drive is coming to listener-supported AM 1260 The Rock, Wednesday, April 21st through Friday, April 23rd. Debbie Georgianni from EWTN’s “Take 2 with Jerry and Debbie” will lead us for three days of inspiring conversation, special guests, and your invitation to support this vital apostolate! In this great Year of St. Joseph, we are entrusting this pledge drive to his intercession! From our premiums (gifts given to donors who contribute certain amounts) to the items in our drawing, St. Joseph will be prominent throughout the week. We look forward to St. Joseph’s assistance as we interact with our wonderful listeners and donors over the course of the Spirit Drive! Tune in Wednesday, April 21st through Friday, April 23rd for all the fun and festivities. You don’t have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support Catholic radio. Visit www.am1260therock.com and click on the orange “Donate Now” tab in the upper right corner or call 216-227-1260. May God bless you for your generosity!

Gospel Meditation ~

Gain a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



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April 18, 2021

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don’t always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life’s challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their “aha” moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our “aha” moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our “aha” moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, “peace be with you,” and we feel secure. It’s all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God’s goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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