

St. Bridget School

Mission
St. Bridget School will provide an excellent Catholic education in an environment where the message of Jesus Christ is taught, lived and shared.



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Learning Through Christ's Love

5 B's: Be Caring
Be Fair
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Trustworthy

Calendar of Events

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October 3

Parent First Communion Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

FOP 2:20 p.m.

October 6

Scrip Pick-up

Hot Lunch-Culver's

October 7

Pet Blessing

Boylan Red Ribbon Fair

October 9

School Not in Session

Columbus Day

October 10

School Not in Session

Institute Day

October 13

2nd Grade Field Trip-
Burpee Museum

October 17

Field Trip-Kindergarten-
Edwards Apple Orchard
West

October 18

Grand Day

October 19

Picture Retake Day

Backyard Grill & Bar Night

October 20

Hot Lunch-Paninos

October 21

Parent Night at Casey's Pub
St. Bridget Craft Fair

Playground Help

Looking for a third playground monitor for one to three days and as a sub from 11:25 -12:40. Pays \$10.00 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 815-633-8255. Thank you.

Grand Day

Flyers went home last Friday with information on Grandparent or Special person day. Please fill out the form and return it to school or email it to Tonya Murphy at t.murphy13193@gmail.com by October 4th. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.** The event will be held on Wednesday, October 18th and will begin with Mass at 8:15 a.m. Following Mass, enjoy refreshments and an activity/craft in the classroom. The event will conclude at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Speaker at Rosecrance

Speaker, Claudia Evenson, senior addiction counselor at Rosecrance (1601 University Drive in Rockford), will be speaking on "It's more than "just say no," Raising Responsible, Resilient, and Drug-Free Kids on Tuesday, October 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. To register for this free event visit rosecrance.org/drugfreekids. If you have any questions you may contact Annette Bowden at abowden@rosecrance.org or call

815-387-5615.

Red Ribbon Fun Fair at Boylan High School

Boylan High School will be hosting the Red Ribbon Fun Fair presenting a Tribute to our Firefighters on Saturday, October 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A ceremony to honor our Firefighters begins at 10:30 a.m. St. Bridget Student Council will manage a booth with fun activities. Be sure to stop by and sign in at the booth. The classroom with the most attendance will be rewarded!

Pet Blessing

St. Bridget Parish will be blessing all our family pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m. by the school playground. Families are welcome to bring their pets for a special St. Francis blessing. Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. Also, parents are encouraged to bring a baggie just in case.



Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Celebration

St. Bridget will be hosting 100th year anniversary Fatima event here at St. Bridget's on October 13th. We will have adoration, benediction, a procession into church with the Pilgrim Fatima Statue, Mass at 6:00 p.m. and a dinner afterwards. For more information, please contact the par-

ish office.

Parent Pizza Night

Please join us at Casey's Pub (7307 N. Alpine Rd) on October 21st at 7:00 p.m. for Pizza, Pasta and fellowship. RSVP to Sue LaFever at slafever@billdorran.com no later than Monday, October 16th. **This is a Parent Only event.** Hope to see you there!

Special Sacrament Program

If your child is "behind schedule" in their sacraments they can participate in a special program with Shannon McKenna, the RE director, and the priests. Call the Parish Office at 815-633-6311 to register.

Donations for Crisis Buckets

St. Bridget School strives to provide the safest environment for our students through training and preparedness. The staff Crisis Committee is putting together new emergency kits for each classroom and office. We would greatly appreciate your donation of the following items, or monetary donation to help cover the cost:

New or used wool blankets, new or used flashlights with batteries, new or used hand crank radios, and individually packaged toilet paper rolls. Donations may be dropped at the school office Monday thru Friday 7:45 to 3:30 p.m. Thank you.

Trunk or Treat Save the Date

Sunday, October 29th
More information to follow

September 29, 2017

Dear Parents,

In the words of John, Paul, George and Ringo:

Help!
Help! I need somebody,
Help! Not just anybody,
Help! You know I need someone, help.

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down (about the playground)
And I do appreciate you being around. (on the playground)
Help me get my feet back on the ground,(regarding the playground)
Won't you please, please help me?

We need an additional playground monitor one to three days a week. This is a paid position and you could reach your daily step count goal while interacting with lovely children. You would also be one of three people keeping our kiddoes safe on the playground. Thanks for considering.

We have a super busy month ahead in October. Check out all the details with the events listed in the newsletter. There are many opportunities for faith, fun, food and fellowship.

The Illinois State Legislature recently passed a \$7 million annual tax credit for scholarships program; Scholarship Tax Credit Bill. This program will allow individuals and corporations to donate to scholarship granting organizations (SGO) and receive a credit on their state taxes in return. SGO's will use these donations to grant scholarships to qualifying students to attend nonpublic schools of their choice such as St. Bridget. Any donating taxpayer will receive a 75% credit!!! Individuals may also direct their donations to a school or subset of schools of their choice (but not to a particular student). Beginning January 1, 2018 individuals and corporate donors will be able to apply for tax credits on Department of Revenue website. The Department will issue rules to define the application process. Since these scholarships are reserved for low and middle income families, some of our current students will be eligible. For more details about the program to www.ilcatholic.org and we will provide additional details as they become available.

We must thank lawmakers who voted for this legislation. Please call State Senator Stadelman's office at 815-987-7557 and relay the following suggested message, "As a Catholic School parent I thank you for voting "Yes" on SB1947, which creates the new Scholarship Tax Credit. My family is grateful for your support."

We have finished the Iowa Assessments and have just a few make up tests left for students who were absent on the testing days for a variety of reasons. Band is underway and field trips are being planned by many teachers. Please keep in mind that all students are expected to attend field trips since they are planned with the relevant curriculum in mind. Cost is never an issue since we will cover it for any families for whom payment would be a hardship. Please let me know if that is the case.

Have a wonderful weekend
See you at Mass

Sincerely,
Mary Toldo