

History of Oak Society

The Oak Society of Saint Brigid of Kildare was created in 2003 as a means for individuals or families who are devoted to the legacy of Catholic education to support the immediate financial needs of Saint Brigid of Kildare School students.

St. Brigid of Kildare, the beloved patroness of our parish and elementary school, is represented by the oak tree, the oak leaf, and the acorn. The word Kildare means "Church of the Oaks," and it is said that the convent that Brigid established in Ireland was near a large grove of oak trees. As the oak represents St. Brigid, the Oak Society represents a commitment and dedication to the quality Catholic education provided by St. Brigid of Kildare Elementary School.



Application Process

Information about grant and scholarship applications is sent to school families via email in January each year.

Families wanting to apply for tuition assistance do so through a FACTS application by March 15, and the award is offered by May 1.

Please keep in mind families cannot apply for both grants and tuition assistance. You can apply for the following combinations:

Grants	Scholarships	Tuition Assistance
Yes	Yes	No
No	Yes	Yes

For more information about our tuition, grants, scholarships or tuition assistance, visit www.stbrigidofkildare.com/tuition.

For questions, contact Megan Wachalec at mrs.wachalec@stbrigid-school.org.



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THE OAK SOCIETY
OF ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE

*Planting the seeds of Catholic
education for future Catholic
leaders of tomorrow*



Our Catholic School

Saint Brigid of Kildare School was founded in 1996 with a financial model that ensures the long-term operating success of our school. Rather than relying heavily on the parish to subsidize the school, our parish's progressive approach to educational tuition assistance is based on a "Cost-Based Tuition, Need-Based Assistance" program. By basing tuition on actual cost, this allows the parish to use its resources to fund the mission of the ministries of the entire parish.

In addition to ensuring our school is financially viable year-to-year, Monsignor Hendricks has created the "*Our Children, Our Faith, Our Future*" endowment to secure our long-term financial future. Once fully funded, it will allow for additional tuition assistance and future needs of the school.



The Oak Society

St. Brigid of Kildare has always been on the leading edge of education, always seeking to provide the best Catholic education for the children of our parish. Continuing our history of progressive and ground-breaking ideas, St. Brigid leadership has looked to higher education institutions to find alternative funding models to continue to make Catholic education affordable for our families.

The revitalization of The Oak Society is the response to our desire to provide more opportunities for supporting education. As our parish concludes our capital building indebtedness to the Diocese in June of 2020, a portion of these additional funds will be used to support our parishioners who are sacrificing to give their children a Catholic education.



Grants & Scholarships

The Oak Society is committed to helping families in our parish continue a Catholic education through parish-supported grants, scholarships, and tuition assistance.

GRANTS

St. Brigid of Kildare School, with the support of the parish, will help parish families who are sacrificing to give their children a St. Brigid Catholic education. The grants will be awarded to active parish families after a brief application, and will amount to \$500 per K-8 student.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Oak Society will provide scholarships to students with criteria set by the donor or organization. We will continue to build this scholarship program in order to expand the opportunities available to our students.

Current year options and criteria will be listed at www.stbrigidofkildare.com/tuition and announced as they are available.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Need-Based Tuition Assistance will continue to be available for K-8. Diocesan assistance is open to all socioeconomic and religious backgrounds, and St. Brigid assistance is open to all Catholic families. Interested families need to submit a FACTS application and prove need each year. Families applying for tuition assistance may not also apply for grants.