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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace." ~ Jn 1:41, 17b



HOLY MASS*

SAT VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS*

MON & WED 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI 6:30 AM, 8 AM

SAT 8 AM

RECONCILIATION*

WED 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SAT 9 AM

To schedule an appointment for Confession with one of the priests, call the parish office.

**Regular Mass and Confession times may change due to special events, funerals or Feast/Holy Days. Find this week's parish calendar in the bulletin or on our website.*

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Feria II of the Second Week

6:30 AM Louis Vinh Do +

5:30 PM John Thomas +

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Feria III of the Second Week

6:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory +

8:00 AM Audrey Hanes +

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Memorial of St. Anthony of the Desert

6:30 AM Robert Bickis, Jr +

5:30 PM Laura Anaya +

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Feria V of the Second Week

6:30 AM Michael Boesch +

8:00 AM Hugo Anaya +

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Feria VI of the Second Week

6:30 AM Michael Boesch +

8:00 AM Robert Bickis, Jr +

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Optional Memorial of Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

8:00 AM Irma Krimm +

5:30 PM Eugene Chervenak +

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Sunday of the Word of God

7:15 AM Milan & Paula Dolinar +

8:45 AM Michael Kaminski +

10:45 AM Annmarie Schlageter +

5:30 PM The People of St Brendan Parish

+ indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272 Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage
Marriage preparation is required. www.stbrendans.net/marriage

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required).
See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at frstinnett@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing
Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail in or drop off request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jen Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News & ParishStaq Login

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq login to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter.

Sunday Liturgy Aids (Emailed)

Sign up for weekly worship materials at tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES 9 AM–10 PM

WED 7 AM–5 PM

*Holy Hour: 6–7 PM,
Confessions available*

THUR 9 AM–10 PM

FRI 9 AM–10 PM

*1st Friday of each month:
9 AM–Saturday 1 PM*

SAT 9 AM–1 PM



**ANCHORED
IN ADORATION**

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM



HELPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN NEED IS OUR FOCUS THIS MONTH!

As we ask pregnant mothers to choose a life for their unborn baby, it is vital that we, the Church, support them in this journey. Their "yes" should be welcomed with joy and open arms, ready to help where needed.

The Respect Life Ministry and St Brendan Knights of Columbus would like your help to support these women through the *Women's Care Center*.

Last year, WCC helped women with 1 in every 8 births in Franklin County. With the passage of Ohio's abortion amendment last November, our help is more important than ever. The need is so great! Your donations truly provide the love of Jesus Christ and save lives of the poorest of the poor—those who don't even have a voice! Thank you for your generous gifts!

POD NURSERY HELP

The Pod Nursery is now open for 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses and Faith Formation, but we are still in need of several more adult and teen volunteers (adults must be *Protecting God's Children* compliant). Thanks for your help with this important ministry! Sign up via the QR code or contact Andrea McClymont, at andrea.r.mcclymont@gmail.com



ELIZABETH MINISTRY PLAYGROUP

A parish-based outreach to women in special times of motherhood. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:45 AM in Wellnitz, Room 1 (next one is January 17) for social activities and children's playgroups. Questions? Contact Kelly Hansen at kashansen06@gmail.com

Join Respect Life Ministry & St Brendan Knights of Columbus in supporting



Collection begins Saturday, **January 20** and ends Sunday, **January 28**. A second monetary collection will also take place **January 27/28**. Help the Women's Care Center to open a new Maternity Shop and second Ultrasound room.

BABY ITEMS

- **Baby Soaps, Washes, Lotions, Wipes, Aquaphor & Vaseline**
- **Toddler Boy Clothes, up to 5T (new)**
*Especially sizes 18, 24 & 2T
- **Toddler Girl Clothes, up to 5T (new)**
*Especially sizes 2T & 3T
- **Baby Girl Clothes, 0-3 months (new)**
- **Baby Formula** *Especially Enfamil
- **Diapers, sizes Newborn - 6**
*Especially sizes 4, 5 & 6

MATERNITY ITEMS

- **Nursing Bras, sizes S-XXL**
- **Maternity Dresses, Jeans, Leggings & Tops, sizes S-XXL**

Drop items off in the church gathering area playpen or in the parking lot trailer. To send monetary donations: make check out to "Knights of Columbus" and mail to: **St Brendan, 4475 Dublin Rd Hilliard, OH 43026**



Prefer online shopping? View our Amazon Wish List via the QR code or at [tinyurl.com/baby-shower2024](https://www.tinyurl.com/baby-shower2024) Items will be delivered directly to us!



Make a monetary online donation by scanning this QR code or by visiting [tinyurl.com/StB-Baby-Shower](https://www.tinyurl.com/StB-Baby-Shower)

Thank you for your support

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



To the family of Alice Breda



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Mila Rose Barhorst
Eliza Jane Wise
Francis Kay Zalesky

LIVESTREAM MASS

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[youtube.com/c/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard)

YOUTUBE

SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard
Sunday - 10:45 AM
Mon, Wed - 5:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat - 8 AM

SOCIAL MEDIA

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INCENSE SCHEDULE

See the thurible icon on the calendar to the right for the Mass time incense will be utilized next weekend or find it listed below.

January 14 10:45 AM Mass
January 21 5:30 PM Mass
January 28 10:45 AM Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Family Faith Formation Monday	Multiple Locations
6:30 PM	Seek & Root Family Faith Formation	Wellnitz Mtg Rms 1 & 2

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1(w/Patio)
1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Work Session	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Formation	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A
7:00 PM	KofC #11208 Members Mtg	Davidson Rd Mtg Room B

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Women's Scripture Studies AM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch	Off site: La Chatelaine, Dublin
7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1(w/Patio)
7:00 PM	Women's Scripture Studies PM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Diocesan Collection: Propagation of Faith		
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Pizza, Pies, and Guys	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Diocesan Collection: Propagation of Faith 5:30 PM		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym (MPR)
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	School Cafeteria
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation	Multiple Locations
	Small Group Sunday	





ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family **who are hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net

You may also use our online Prayer Wall to request most other prayer intentions that are not included here in the bulletin by visiting www.stbrendans.net/prayer-wall

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Heather Ayers	Kim Jadwin
Richard Blaha	Doris Kopac
Bill Brake	Frank Kreber
Chris Carrino	Jill Markey
Linda Clark	Joe Martin
Patricia Crane	Luna Reilly McDonald
Tom Crane	Kaden Morris
Dick Crumley	Becky Moyer
Dan DiCesare	Lorraine Nemchik
Ben Diepenbrock	Michelle Spencer
Connie Feliks	Tom Speroni
Timothy Patrick Finneran	Pamela Theado
Mary Jo Flickinger	Mitzie Toth
Mary Frick	Kevin Yarman
Allie Granger	Marilyn Wiggins
Lois Hanf	

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Cody Longstreth
Aaron Grieshop	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Huesman	Alec Moyer
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler

... we continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry, to pray for a loved one who is no longer practicing our faith, please visit www.stbrendans.net/prayer-wall and make your prayer request on the Prayer Wall. For more information about Inviting Catholics Home Ministry visit www.stbrendans.net/ich

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SECOND COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND

Thank you for your past generosity, which enabled us to help prevent families from being evicted, to ensure elderly neighbors would keep electricity, and to keep many of the homeless from going hungry. Please consider donating in the special collection for St Vincent de Paul after Masses this weekend, January 13 & 14. You can also give via PushPay, scan the QR code, or mail checks made out to "St Brendan St Vincent de Paul Conference" to 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026. Remember – if you, a neighbor, or a fellow parishioner are in need, please reach out to us through the parish office. If you would like to learn more about St Vincent de Paul, contact Heather at heathercsvdp@gmail.com



PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS

Join us for a NCCA-themed night of college basketball!

Saturday Jan 20 6:30 PM

Come meet other men of the parish for some social time!

We'll take in a game on the big screens in the Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms... Pizzas and pies will be served!

ST BRENDAN MEN'S CLUB

The St Brendan Men's Club provides social and spiritual fellowship. Activities include monthly meetings, events and fund-raising. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. If interested in joining us, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mens-club> or contact Dale at dgbrugge@gmail.com



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Expand your faith with the St Brendan Men's Faith Sharing ministry!

2024 WINTER/SPRING

SATURDAY MORNINGS – MEN'S FAITH SHARING

Saturdays at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms, enjoy fellowship (breakfast provided), a video, small group discussion, and prayer. First, the book *Beautiful Eucharist* guides us through a 5-week (started on January 13) journey about the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. Then, we will join Jesus and His disciples to explore season 2 of *The Chosen* from a Catholic perspective.

TUESDAY MORNINGS – MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry recently began (on January 9) a 5-week Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 6:30-7:30 AM. It is a video discussion produced by the Knights of Columbus called *Into The Breach, The Mission of the Family*. All men of the parish are welcome!

PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS – JANUARY 20

Join the men of the parish on Saturday, January 20 for an NCCA-themed night of college basketball! We'll start at 6:30 PM and take in a game on the big screens in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Pizzas and pies will be served! No RSVP needed.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 24

This year's men's conference theme is *The Eucharist: Go Deeper*, and features three amazing speakers on February 24, 7 AM-3 PM. Enjoy a light breakfast, lunch, Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Earl Fernandes. Help us surpass our goal to have 100 men of the parish attend! Register at www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Experience quiet time with Our Lord in Adoration the first Friday of each month. It's a great opportunity to share this experience with your family!

VIRTUAL ROSARY

February 17 at 7:30 AM, join us on Zoom as we pray a Rosary together for the success of the Women's Conference! Also, join men from around the Diocese of Columbus to pray a virtual Rosary, 6:30 AM the first Wednesday of each month at www.catholicmensministry.com

Questions? Contact Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net, scan the QR code, or visit www.stbrendans.net/mens-groups/stbmen

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's theme focuses on the glory and beauty of the Eucharist. The conference is on Saturday, February 17 and features a day of inspired speakers like Heather Khym, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Fr John Burns, Claire Dwyer, Fr Timothy Anastos and the Emcee is our very own Director of Missionary Discipleship, Jennifer Rice! Also, this year Padre Pio's glove (first-class relic) will be available for veneration at the Women's Conference courtesy of the National Padre Pio Center (www.padrepio.org). Don't miss it! Register now at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com



YEAR-END TAX LETTERS COMING SOON

It is important for St Brendan Parish to have your current mailing address to ensure you receive the year-end tax letter, which will be sent out this month. Please take a moment to update your contact information (mailing address, phone number and email address) for you and your family in your ParishStaq account or send your current contact information to Dina Harder at dharter@stbrendans.net
NOTE: If you receive offertory giving envelopes and your mailing address recently changed, please contact Dina directly to let her know so we can notify the envelope company about that change.

The American Heritage Girls Troop OH0516 Presents



Lies and Liaras

a night of dancing & fun

Saturday Jan 27 : 6:30-8 PM : \$25 per couple
in the GYM

Girls are invited to bring your Dad or Dear One for a casual Mardi Gras themed night. Wear your purple, gold or green and join us for a DJ, light refreshments, and photobooth!

Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$5 for each additional sibling.



Purchase tickets via the QR code or at tinyurl.com/AHGdance2024



SCHOOL AUCTION GIVING TREES – DONATIONS NEEDED!

The St Brendan School Auction and Dinner, *An Evening Under the Stars*, will be held Saturday, March 2. We are currently accepting personal and corporate donations and sponsorships. The Giving Tree is up in the church gathering space until January 28 with individual items that you can donate for the event. Questions? Contact Joy Bair, Auction Chairperson, at jbair1@cdeducation.org or contact a donations team members at sbaction@cdeducation.org Updated Auction news is available by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction/



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from other parishioners? Our next group luncheon is at 1 PM on Thursday, January 18 at La Chatelaine in Dublin. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

CLEANING MINISTRY HELP

The Cleaning Ministry could use your help Mondays at 9 AM cleaning windows, pews, altar, sweeping and general house cleaning (nothing heavy) in the Church and Adoration Chapel. Help an hour a week or even once a month. Just show up and ask for Julie Johnson or email juljohnson57@yahoo.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit and crochet prayer shawls for the homebound, grieving, and ill, which are crafted with love and prayer for anyone in need of a spiritual hug. Their next workshop will be Wednesday, January 17, 1:30 PM in the Carter Center. Feel free to take a prayer shawl (in the bottom cabinet drawer in the Adoration Chapel) for yourself or someone in need.

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Continued Growth and Seek & Root sessions resume this weekend!

CONTINUED GROWTH – Sunday at 9:45 AM & 6:45 PM and Monday at 6:30 PM. Children and parents will be in separate sessions again this month, and the POD nursery will be open.

SEEK & ROOT – Monday at 6:30 PM. The POD nursery will be open!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS – January 21 & 22 at 6:45 PM.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FAMILY SESSION – January 29 at 6 PM

CONFIRMATION – We have many more families signed up for the 4 PM Confirmation liturgy than the 7:30 PM. If you are able to switch to the later Mass time, please let us know. Thank you!

FIRST EUCHARIST – If you have not picked up a First Eucharist *Nourish* box yet, please contact Maggie (magra@stbrendans.net) to schedule a time to get your box from the church, or for St Brendan schoolchildren, have it sent home via backpack.

2024 CYSC CAMP REGISTRATION

St Brendan is offering a \$100 campership for the first 100 parishioners for CYSC's 2024 summer camp. Register (using discount code **BREHILL24**) at <https://tinyurl.com/register-CYSC>

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Sign your family up for a week with our Traveling Vocations Crucifix and help to promote religious vocations! After your week ends, bring it back to the marked cabinet in the Adoration Chapel by 10:45 AM (on the following Sunday) for the next family. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public>



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

A few Kindergarten spots are still available for the 2024/25 school year! Request information, schedule a tour or register via the QR code or at www.stbrendans.net/school



JANUARY VINE CALENDAR
SUNDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM



True Freedom Jan 14

Men's/Women's Night Jan 21

Crazy Fun Super Night Jan 28

Follow @stbvine on Instagram or Email kday@stbrendans.net for more information



2nd Sundays
6:30-8:30 PM
in the Gym

Youth Nights **The Roots**

Jan 14 Where Is Jesus Now?

March 10 Made in His Image

April 14 Anxiety, Stress and Peace

May 19 End-of-the-Year-Party

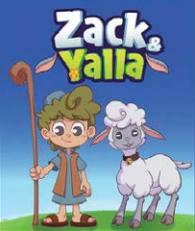
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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today's first reading, he mistakes it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel required guidance because he "was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet." In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today's Gospel, Andrew didn't know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew then began to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, "come, we have found the Messiah."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today's readings how Samuel "was not familiar with the Lord" but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before "knowing," is a "desire to know." The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us - we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

INVITATION We are all called to a life of holiness. But it's not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction - a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord's voice.

HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

ST CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER

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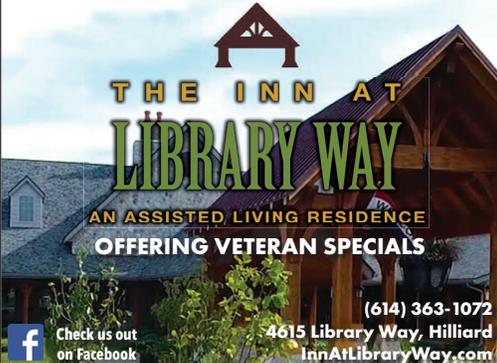
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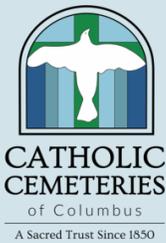


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