

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and
I will make you fishers
of men." Then they
abandoned their nets
and followed him.*

~ Mk 1:14-20

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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, please call the parish office.

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



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MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

6:30 AM Protection of the Unborn
5:30 PM Jim & Patty Swearington +

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Optional Memorial of St Vincent

6:30 AM Jonathan Coldren +
8:00 AM Vincent Johnson +

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Feast of St Francis de Sales, Patron of the Diocese of Columbus

6:30 AM Louie Niemann +
5:30 PM Fern & Edward Coldren +

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

6:30 AM Janet Sorg +
8:00 AM Mark Petty +

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus

6:30 AM Earl Jones +
8:00 AM Intentions of the Care & Consolation Ministry

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Optional Memorial of St Angela Merici

8:00 AM Brenda Lee Casserly +
5:30 PM Intention of the Kaminski Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM Bob & Rosemary Hendrix +
8:45 AM The People of St Brendan Parish
10:45 AM Eugene Chervenak +
5:30 PM Charles Destefani +
+ 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



1ST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, February 2 at 9 AM through Saturday, February 3, 1 PM. Adorers are still needed, so please sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>



A MESSAGE FROM FR WELDIT

Established in honor of the birth of the infant Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, Christmas has a long history with unique traditions and customs throughout the world which include decorating Christmas trees, cooking festive meals, Christmas caroling, going to the church and visiting relatives, just to name a few.

As parochial vicar residing at St Brendan (Western Rite) who is in holy service to the Eritrean Catholic Community (Eastern Rite), I would like to point out some of the similarities and differences between Christmas celebrations in Eastern and Western Christianity that may be of interest.

Did you know that Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on different days? The reason for this is because Western and Eastern churches have different systems of chronology. After the new Gregorian calendar was drawn up in the West, Catholics and Protestants began celebrating Christmas two weeks earlier than Orthodox Christians.

Christians of the Western rite celebrate Christmas by the Gregorian calendar – from December 24 to December 25, while Eastern Christians celebrate Christmas according to the Julian calendar – from January 6 to January 7.

The Christmas season ended on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. *Or did it?* Every January, discussions amongst Christians crop up as to when the Christmas season officially ends. For Christians who follow the Western tradition, the season concluded at that time. However, for us Eritreans, the Christmas season had just begun.

Christians in the Eastern Church follow the Julian calendar and celebrate Christmas on the traditional date of January 7. Epiphany is celebrated on January 19. The name *Epiphany* comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning “appearance” or “manifestation,” and refers to the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world – for those following these original dates, the season is in full swing. Prayers, music, food, and fun are still going strong as we enter the middle of January.

Although God is invisible by nature and supernatural, when the fullness of time came, He became a man like us in short stature and narrow limits. The Apostle John wrote, “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him,” John 1:1. At the time of the baptism of our Lord, the mystery of the unity and trinity of the Holy Trinity was revealed. When the Son was being baptized in the flesh, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Lord in the form of a dove, and from heaven, God the Father, uttered a voice. This was the stage where the mystery of the Trinity was first revealed, and therefore, we say, it became a “revelation.”

If we understand that revelation means the revelation of God, we cannot lose sight of its importance in our lives. We can have fellowship with God because He “revealed” it to us through the Lord Jesus. “Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall call his name *Immanuel!*” (which means “God with us”) and John wrote, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,” John 1:1.

“Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,” is our apostolic creed which we all confess. The world celebrates the birth and revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ on two different days. Two calendars, one mystery of the incarnation. One lesson, one meaning, one message, in the one Savior, Jesus Christ our redeemer.



THE EUCHARIST AND THE SAINTS: ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Eucharistic Adoration was one of Mother Teresa’s primary spiritual habits. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist was an essential part of what made her who she was. It is a habit she shared with almost every saint who has ever lived. The world was obsessed with the power and magnetism of her goodness, and yet, the world ignored the source of the holiness she manifested everywhere she went.

It would have been easy for her to lose herself in the enormous fame the world lavished on her. Why didn’t she? The media is full of stories about famous people who have been chewed up and spat out by fame. Why didn’t fame affect Mother Teresa in the same way?

She spent the first hour of each day before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. As the impact of her work grew, some of those close to her asked her to reduce this to thirty minutes, pointing out that every minute she spend with people bore tremendous fruit. This may have seemed reasonable and rational to those proposing the change, especially in light of all of Mother Teresa’s other daily spiritual practices. So, did she capitulate? No. She increased her time of Adoration to TWO hours each morning and reminded those closest to her that Jesus was the source of all the fruit their work was bearing. Later, as her legend grew, she increased her daily Adoration to THREE hours.

From *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*
– Matthew Kelly

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Merry Christmas Miss Doody
With love from:
St Brendan School – Class 1A



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Eleanor Marie Eyink
Margaret Rose Gulling
Oliver Brooks Thomas
Augustus Xavier Wigley
Beckett Fitzgerald Yarman

BEWARE OF SCAMS

If you have received texts or emails recently from someone claiming to be Fr Bob, Fr Stinnett or Fr Weldit, asking for your help in buying gift cards and indicating it's an emergency, it's not them. It's a scam. Your pastor or the parish staff will never contact you directly with an emergency request for cash or gift cards. Messages asking parishioners to help fulfill a need would come through the parish or diocese's official communication channels or through a collection approved by the diocese. If you're not sure about a text or email, do not engage or respond. Verify in person or by phone any request involving money or personal information.

INCENSE SCHEDULE

The weekly Mass time incense will be utilized is on the calendar to the right (see thurible icon) or below:

January 21	5:30 PM
January 28	10:45 AM
February 4	5:30 PM
February 11	10:45 AM
February 18	5:30 PM
February 25	10:45 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation Monday Small Groups	Multiple Locations

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

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 24

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Mtg Room B
7:00 PM	Young Adults Men's Sm Group	The Carter Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

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 Rm A & B
7:00 PM	Women's Scripture Studies PM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rm A & B

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

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 27

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	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	SVdP: Conference Meeting	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	American Heritage Girls: Ties & Tiaras Dance	School Gym

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym (MPR)
7:00 PM	Grief Support Group	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)

10:45 AM





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
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Chris Carrino	Jill Markey
Linda Clark	Joe Martin
Patricia Crane	Luna Reilly McDonald
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Mary Frick	Kevin Yarman
Allie Granger	Marilyn Wiggins
Lois Hanf	

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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Aaron Grieshop	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Huesman	Alec Moyer
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... we continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

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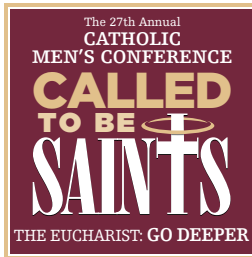
MEN'S FAITH SHARING

TUESDAY MORNING – A video discussion series (by the Knights of Columbus), *Into The Breach, The Mission of the Family*, meets Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 AM for five weeks (began January 9). Please join us!

SATURDAY MORNING – The book *Beautiful Eucharist* 5-week series (began January 13) about the source and summit of our Catholic lives. Next, explore season 2 of *The Chosen* from a Catholic perspective on Saturdays at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms. – Fellowship (breakfast provided), video, small group discussion and prayer. Questions? Contact Grant at ricekris8813@att.net

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference takes place at Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on February 24 – Three amazing speakers, breakfast, lunch, Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Earl Fernandes. Our goal is to have 100 men of the parish attend! Scan the QR code for more information or to register by visiting www.CatholicMensMinistry.com



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Columbus Catholic Women's conference is 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! Register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com



Help support the **Women's Care Center** in Columbus, OH

BABY SHOWER BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!

The Respect Life Ministry and St Brendan Knights of Columbus would like your help to support women through the *Women's Care Center*. Last year, WCC helped women with 1 in every 8 births in Franklin County. The collection begins this Saturday, January 20 and ends Sunday, January 28. A 2nd monetary collection also takes place January 27/28. Help the Women's Care Center to open a new Maternity Shop and a second Ultrasound room!

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

- 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 NEEDED

- 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 Baby Registry Wish List via this QR code or visit tinyurl.com/baby-shower2024 Items will be delivered directly to us!



To make a secure online monetary donation, scan this QR code or by visiting tinyurl.com/StB-Baby-Shower

Seniors NOW ANCHORED IN FAITH A Social Group for Adults 65+

NAVIGATING OUR WAY

FEBRUARY 2, 8 AM – First Friday Mass & Breakfast at Abner's (4051 Main St)

FEBRUARY 13, TUESDAY, 1 PM – Fat Tuesday, Winter Social: Games & snacks in Wellnitz Hall.

FEBRUARY 19, MONDAY 12 PM – Soup and Bread Luncheon in Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Speaker: Joel Wrobbel, Director of Ohio Living. Topic: "Successful Living as You Journey into Retirement" RSVP Larry Hanchin, VP: larryhanchin@yahoo.com, 614-264-6295

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Supporting the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (SPOF) enables the Church in the mission fields to continue its healing and saving work among the poorest of our sisters and brothers. In more than 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay catechists rely on the prayers and financial assistance from SPOF. Please give generously in the baskets this weekend or online via the QR code or at <https://ppay.co/KTXi7JLfAlc>



GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Looking for grief support from other parishioners? Our next Grief Support Workshop is Sunday, January 28 at 7 PM in Wellnitz Meeting Room 1. Please join us! Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com



DR. ROSS B. WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Music Director, Ross Williams, is seeking more singers, drummers, and tech-savvy volunteers to join in his fun,

fulfilling, and vibrant Music ministry here at St Brendan. Please prayerfully consider participating! Ross provides an informative update on our music ministry on a video at <https://bit.ly/3SitSsR> If interested in joining, contact Ross at rwilliams@stbrendans.net

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

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



YOU'RE INVITED!

The St Brendan Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a free family breakfast in the school cafeteria following the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses on February 4. The menu consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, tater tots and pastries.

The American Heritage Girls Troop OH0516 Presents



Lies and Liars

a night of dancing + fun

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

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!

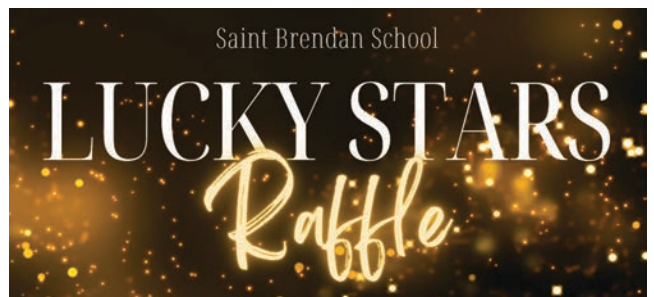
Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$5 for each additional sibling.



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

SCHOOL AUCTION DONATIONS

The St Brendan School Auction and Dinner, *An Evening Under the Stars*, is Saturday, March 2. We are now 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 at jbair1@cdeeducation.org or one of our team members at sbauction@cdeeducation.org Updated Auction news is available via the QR code or at tinyurl.com/school-auction



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Lucky Stars Raffle tickets for the St Brendan School Auction & Dinner are now available for purchase! Only 500 tickets will be sold for our popular 50/50 raffle this year, so purchase your ticket soon! Winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$20 each and available for purchase by scanning this QR code or on the auction web page (url/QR code above.)



ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

CONTINUED GROWTH/SEEK & ROOT – Sessions resumed this past weekend. Please reach out if you missed them, as we handed out the new box, *Witness*.

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>

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/teen volunteers (adults must be *Protecting God's Children* compliant). Sign up via the QR code or contact Andrea McClymont, at andrea.r.mcclymont@gmail.com



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



BWHS HONOR ROLL

We congratulate the following parishioners/Bishop Watterson High School students who attained honor roll with a 3.7 or higher grade point average for the second quarter:

Student's Name	Grade	Student's Name	Grade
Laura Adams	10	Benjamin Lamielle	9
Tyler Altier	12	Grace Mayhan	10
Rachael Anderson	10	Jake McCann	12
Christopher Bair	12	Zack McCann	9
Isaac Bergman	9	Max Melaragno	12
Nyankiir Biar	9	Brendan Meloun	12
Michael Boyle	9	Claire Miller	9
Reese Boyle	11	Andrew O'Connor	12
Parker Brunner	12	Evan O'Leary	9
Althea Callipare	9	Yadira Orocio-Natividad	9
Kaitlyn Casper	12	Lana Peters	12
Mackenzie Casper	12	William Read	11
Isabella Chan	12	Micayla Serna	9
Ava Crane	12	John Spencer	12
Lillian Crane	9	Logan Storts	12
Joseph DiPalma	12	Jason Thomas	12
Luke Fivecoat	10	Noah Thomas	12
Riley Goad	10	Jackson Ward	9
Sophie Hamrock	11	Lotis Dylan Wert	10
Elizabeth Hansen	9	Julia Yoder	9
Caden Harey	10	Carol Rekow	12
Bridget Hayes	12	Kenzie McKerns	10
Katelyn Hite	10	Layla Hoying	10
Ella Jacobsen	11		

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

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

Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

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ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE

The Annual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick sponsored by the Order of Malta is Sunday, February 11, to coincide with the Church celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. Join the pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH with Bishop Earl Fernandes as he celebrates Mass and offers the Sacrament of Anointing. A chartered bus ride to Carey is available. Mass begins at 11 AM. The bus leaves from the parking lot of St Peter Church (6899 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus 43235) at 9 AM. To make a reservation (no later than January 22), email Len Barbe at lwbarbe@aol.com

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Ohio Dominican University's lecture "Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World" takes place January 25, 11 AM, with presenter Fr Justin Brophy, OP, PhD. The free lecture takes place in the Matesich Theatre, inside Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Rd, Columbus, 43219. More information available at ohiodominican.edu

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Our negotiated snow contract stipulates that our parking lot is plowed only if we reach TWO INCHES or more of snowfall and is pre-treated only if it is not raining. The parish facilities team will be responsible for keeping the walkways cleared. When weather is inclement, please be careful when walking around the campus. Parish activities remain open if we are at a Level 1 Snow Emergency, but carefully consider whether you can safely reach the campus and attend events. If a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared, the entire campus closes, including Mass and all events. We will alert you via ParishStaq Communications and social media if this happens. School parents will be alerted by FACTS communications of any school closures or delays. The Parish office remains open during regular hours, unless we reach a Level 2 Snow Emergency, in which case, the office will close.

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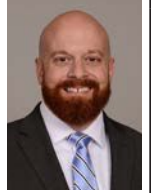
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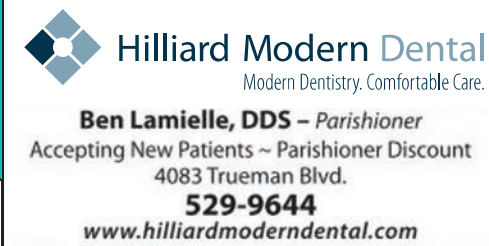
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