

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY 2023

OUR VISION – Become who you were created to be
OUR MISSION – St Brendan Parish is your home to encounter Jesus and grow in virtue

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8 AM, 5:30 PM
 SUNDAY 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM
 DAILY 5:30 PM – MON & WED
 8 AM – TUES, THURS, FRI

RECONCILIATION TIMES

WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (During Adoration)
 SATURDAY 9 AM
 Parishioners can also schedule a confession appointment with Fr Bob or Fr Brown by calling the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9 AM-4 PM



MARRIAGE

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

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at 12 PM on most Sundays. Two baptismal preparation classes are required. Visit stbrendans.net/baptism to schedule a Baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Brown at frbrown@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

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SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours

The church is open weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM.
The Parish Office is open weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! To request a new member packet, please call 614.876.1272, email receptionist@stbrendans.net or visit stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marketing & Bulletin Requests

Our Marketing/Bulletin Request form is available at stbrendans.net/marketing. Please read all the information to find deadlines for each media platform being requested. For questions, or to send artwork, email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, please mail in requests or contact the Parish Office. The amount set by the diocese is \$10, due when the request is made.

Flowers for the Altar

If you wish to purchase flowers in remembrance of a loved one or special intention, the cost is \$75. Requests are published in the bulletin.

Baptism Preparation Class

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM. Our new program requires 2 class sessions. See website for dates and details. For questions, contact baptism@stbrendans.net

Ministry of Care for our Homebound

Contact Jennifer Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net if you would like to receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility.

Protecting God's Children Class

Register online at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

The nursery is open during 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Receive Navigator News or Liturgy Aids

Keep updated on parish events by subscribing to Navigator News available through ParishStaq. Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com to create an account and you will automatically receive our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials and bulletin emailed to you weekly visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids and fill out the form.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>

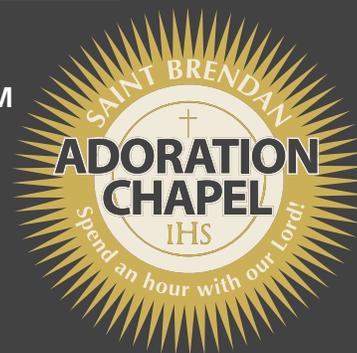
TUESDAY 9 AM-9 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 AM-7 PM
HOLY HOUR 6-7 PM
Confessions available

THURSDAY 9 AM-9 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM-9 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM-1 PM



MASS INTENTIONS, JAN 30-FEB 5

MONDAY	5:30 PM	Barbara Hamm
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Ted Burnett
WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM	Roger & Mary Ann VerSteege
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	John & Rose Kopf
FRIDAY	5:30 PM	Richard Seipel
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Polly Hemmer
	5:30 PM	Taura Auddino
SUNDAY	7:15 AM	Milan & Paula Dolinar
	8:45 AM	Valencia Family
	10:45 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

FEBRUARY 16 – INFORMATIVE MEETING



THREE COUNTRIES – PORTUGAL, FRANCE AND SPAIN!

Fr Bob is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona. The 10-day trip will take place Oct 1-10, 2023. Some of the trip highlights include daily Mass, time for prayer and sightseeing.

An info meeting will take place on February 16 at 6 PM in the Chas McCurdy Learning Center located in the school. Registration is already open. To sign up or for more details, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/2023-Pilgrimage. Questions? Contact Fr Bob at frbob@stbrendans.net



NO FEBRUARY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Supply chain and labor shortages have created a slow draw on production and shipping for our weekly offering envelope supplier. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved, but in order for them to get back to timely deliveries, they must suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and will be delivered by the first Sunday in March. In the meantime, there will be substitute envelopes available for you to use in the church gathering space and at the end of the church pews beginning the weekend of February 4/5.

HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY...

February will be upon us in just a few short days. With it comes the temptation to hunker down in the cold and blah weather to wait for spring. But I think the Lord has other plans for us this month, given how many opportunities are arising just related to our year of prayer. While we may be a little tired after a month of resolutions, we are encouraged: *We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises.* ~ Hebrews 6:11-12

This month, we do start off slowly, then end full speed. Join us again for **First Friday Evening Prayer** with one of the deacons in the Adoration Chapel or **Anchored in Adoration** on the second Wednesday. If you have not yet prayed in this powerful environment, now is the time to experience it. Our prayer teams are present to pray with and for you as you bring whatever is on your heart to the Lord.

Pray in community with literally thousands of your sisters or brothers in Christ at the **Columbus Catholic Women's Conference** on February 18 or the **Men's Conference** on the 25th. The speakers promise to be voices to help us in our faith, we will experience Mass with our Bishop, and spend sacred time with each other. See the ad for more information on registering and carpooling.

We round out the end of the month with two new opportunities. **The Rescue Project** begins February 23 with morning and evening sessions. This 7-week-plus-retreat experience is a fresh take on the Gospel that I can promise will make you do a double-take. Videos with Father John Ricardo, dinner in the evening (coffee and light refreshments in the morning), small group discussion and prayer are on the agenda. See our webpage for lots of details and the links to register. The second event is the next in our **Lord, Teach Us Series** on February 27. This month, we will learn and share prayer with Scripture (lectio divina) and sacred art (visio divina).

Finally, February 22 marks the start of **LENT!** (WHAT?) We will have our usual lineup of Masses on **Ash Wednesday** and everyone will receive the Word Among Us Lenten Companion to read Scripture, devotions, and prepare our hearts. Remember, you also can still access Hallow + for free until Easter as a tool to pray with this season.

Look for our Year of Prayer symbol for opportunities to join us – we would love to see you!



EVER ASKED YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS?

Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

What if anything has God done about it?

How should I respond?

Discover The Story at the **RESCUE** project



Thursday morning and evening sessions
Beginning February 23, 9 AM and 6:30 PM

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION

Register at
www.stbrendans.net/the-rescue-project

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ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

For the new year, we will be renewing our St Brendan Prayer List. If you would like us to pray for **someone who is hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military loved ones**, email bulletin@stbrendans.net. If you would like our parish community to pray for you or a loved one for a reason other than illness or active duty military, please visit our online Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer/.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Chris Carrino

Joe Martin

Mary Jo Flickinger

Becky Moyer

Mary Frick

Brent Shonkwiler

Bob Kienle

Mitzie Toth

Jane Lumen

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop

Kaden Morris

Sam Imwalle

Alec Moyer

Christopher Keck

Rick Shonkwiler

Cody Longstreth

Rob Shonkwiler

Jackson Maassel

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

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing – From Wild Man to Wise Man	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 AM-7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	Church
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Assembly 2727 Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Walking with Purpose-Reclaiming Friendship	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	SVDP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
6:30 PM	The Avow Group	The Carter Center
6:30 PM	The Melchizedek Project	School Teachers' Lounge
7:00 PM	Walking with Purpose-Reclaiming Friendship	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Feast of St Blaise – The Blessing of the Throat

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	School Teachers' Lounge

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing – Pray Like a Man Bound for Heaven Series	School Cafeteria
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	The Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Church
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	First Eucharist Preparation Family Session	Multiple Locations
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
12:00 PM	Baptism Preparation Class	Wellnitz Hall, Rooms 1 & 2
6:30 PM	Faith Formation: Aspen Small Group	Chas McCurdy Learning Center
6:30 PM	Faith Formation 6-8 Small Group	Multiple Locations
6:30 PM	Sunday VINE	Multi-Purpose Room
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Meeting	School Teachers' Lounge

BISHOP WATTERSON HS

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Please join us in congratulating these St Brendan parishioners who are current Bishop Watterson students. They have attained honor roll status with a 3.7 or higher grade point average for the 2022/23 second quarter grading period.

STUDENT NAME	GRADE
Elijah Cyre-Ellis	12
Joseph DiPalma	11
Alexandra Fasone	12
Luke Fivecoat	9
Brianna Fortunate	12
Ava Fultz	12
Riley Goad	9
Sophie Hamrock	10
Caden Harey	9
Grace Mayhan	9
Jake McCann	11
Annie Melaragno	12
Max Melaragno	11
Brendan Meloun	11
Taylor Morales	12
Grace Rider	12
Paige Ritzenthaler	12
Brady Spears	9
Sydney Spears	12
John Spencer	11
Logan Storts	11
Anne Sutton	12
Jason Thomas	11
Noah Thomas	11
Kathleen Van Duzen	12
Julia Ybarra	9

BABY SHOWER COLLECTION ENDS JAN 29!

The Respect Life Ministry and St Brendan Knights of Columbus would like your help to support the Women's Care Center. Collection of items ends this Sunday, January 29, so please bring items listed to the church gathering space or scan the QR code to make a monetary gift (or visit tinyurl.com/StB-Baby-Shower)



- 0-3 months winter clothing*
- 2T-3T winter clothing*
- 0-3 months all season clothing
- Baby soaps
- Lotions
- Diapers sizes 4,5,6
- Pull Ups sizes 4T/5T
- Bottles

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

WITH A MEMORIAL BRICK FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In an effort to make the Ten Commandments a part of our everyday life, there is a monument made from rock from Mount Sinai at St Brendan which is surrounded with memorial bricks to honor and remember our Parish Family Members. St Brendan KofC Council 11208 invites you to memorialize your loved ones by having an engraved brick placed at the base of the monument. To request a memorial brick, please complete the form at tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick. Paper forms are also available in the parish office. Donation suggestion is \$50 per brick. Questions? Contact Jim Cogan at jim.cogan71@gmail.com.

Seniors NOW

NAVIGATING OUR WAY

FEBRUARY 3, 8 AM

1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Abner's, 4051 Main Street in Hilliard. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass. No RSVP needed.

FEBRUARY 13, 12 PM

BJ's Brewing, 5141 Tuttle Crossing Blvd in Dublin. RSVP to Larry Hanchin at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com, 614-264-6925.

MARCH 3, 8 AM

1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Road. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass. No RSVP needed.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCES

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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Danielle Bean Fr. Michael Denk Fr. Rob Galea Paula Umana

Mass Celebrant: Bishop Earl Fernandes Music By: Hannah Schaefer Emcee: Debbie Georgianni

Carpooling available. Meet at 6:45 PM in the St Brendan parking lot. Questions? Contact Lori at lori.writtenimpact@gmail.com

The 26th Annual CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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† Saturday | February 25

† Kasich Hall | Ohio Expo Ctr

FOLLOW:



www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

FEBRUARY 3 – FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

To help us to stay focused on prayer this year, our deacons will lead *First Friday Evening Prayer* in the Adoration Chapel every first Friday of each month. Please join us next Friday at 7 PM!



FEBRUARY 8 – ANCHORED IN ADORATION



MEN'S FAITH SHARING MINISTRY

PRAY LIKE A MAN BOUND FOR HEAVEN – SATURDAYS

Our men's faith sharing group just started January 14 but you can still join us 6:30 AM next Saturday in the School Cafeteria to explore, *Pray Like a Man Bound for Heaven*. Small groups, videos and Adoration. Questions, contact Grant Rice: ricekris8813@att.net



FROM WILD MAN TO WISE MAN – TUESDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Tuesdays (currently in progress) at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Road Meeting Room A as we discuss Fr Richard Rohr's *From Wild Man to Wise Man*. Just 2 chapters a week, explore how God is working in our lives. Contact Steve Dungan for more information at sldungan@gmail.com

CREATE A NEW PRAYER HABIT!

TIP #3 - BREAK UP THE WORK DAY WITH AFTERNOON PRAYER

"In the afternoon, I take five minutes to sit in silence, usually in front of my makeshift sanctuary (which includes a Bible, a small candle and a crucifix on a small table) and read an excerpt or two from a devotional and take a moment to pray to God for the strength to get through the day, the courage to be a missionary disciple and the wisdom to positively touch people who are searching for Jesus!"

— *Curtis Simpson Jr., Christian Service Coordinator at Corpus Christi Parish*



ST BRENDAN SCHOOL AUCTION & DINNER

St Brendan school auction and dinner, **Nashville Nights**, is Saturday, March 4. Tickets are available for attendance at the event (\$60 each) and our 50/50 raffle (\$20 each with a \$5,000 prize) at stb2023.givesmart.com. Raffle tickets will also be sold in person after ALL Masses the weekend of February 4/5 and after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses on February 12 and 19. Thanks to all who donated through our giving tree! Please return all items this week.

Personal donations, corporate donations, and sponsorships are currently being accepted as well as volunteer opportunities which can be found on our web page (see url below). Questions? Contact Joy Bair at 614-325-5127 or jbair1@cdeducation.org or contact one of our auction team members at sbauction@cdeducation.org. Updated auction details can be found on our web page at www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction/

2022 BISHOP'S TROOP

ST BRENDAN BOY SCOUT AWARD

Boy Scout Troop 859 of St Brendan the Navigator has been selected as the 2022 Bishop's Troop. This honor is awarded each year to one Scout Troop in the Diocese for its accomplishments in promoting and demonstrating Catholic Scouting.

Bishop Earl Fernandes will present this honor to Troop 859 at Scout Day with the Bishop ceremonies on Sunday, January 29, at Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E Dublin Granville Road, New Albany. The Scout Day ceremonies begin at 3 PM. Look for photos from the event coming soon on our social media platforms.

INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

VISIT US FEB 5 @ COFFEE & DONUTS!

St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home ministry is hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday, February 5. Visit our table for free books and Catholic resources. An easel with prayer board will be available to write a loved one's name who is not attending Mass/practicing their faith or who has left the Church. Kids will enjoy coloring and puzzle pages, plus a Valentine card with a treat! For more information about Inviting Catholics Home Ministry, contact Janet Walsh at jlwalsh1@gmail.com

ICONOGRAPHY CLASSES



WITH INSTRUCTOR & ICONOGRAPHER CLAUDE AL-ABSI

Learn iconography from Claude Al-Absi who created the Stations of the Cross currently in use right here at St Brendan Church!

Sketch initial drawings, build a solid skills foundation in icon anatomy, learn color mixing and more. Cost is \$300 (plus supplies) and includes 4 two-hour classes (total of 8 hours of instruction) Thursdays from 4-6 PM beginning February 9. Classes will take place in the Maroon Center located off the old Gathering Space. For more information or to register, contact Claude at (937) 419-3026 or claudio.claude1970@hotmail.com

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

All families should have received the Root box and parent series book at the faith formation sessions a couple weeks ago. If you haven't, please reach out to faithformation@stbrendans.net. As well, middle school small groups resumed last Sunday and Monday. Students will continue to meet in their same small groups and locations.

All families should have received a link to complete payment for the Faith Formation program. If you have additional questions, and/or need to arrange a payment plan, contact Jamie Young at jyoung@stbrendans.net

In December, Bonnie Creeger decided to move on from her position in the parish office. Please send future emails regarding faith formation and sacrament prep to faithformation@stbrendans.net and sacraments@stbrendans.net.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

1ST RECONCILIATION – If you missed the first reconciliation service, please reach out to Jacob (jdoran@stbrendans.net) for help scheduling a confession with one of our priests. All faith formation families should have picked up a *Nourish* box to begin preparation for first Eucharist.



Nourish First Eucharist Optional Family Session:

There will be an optional family session for first Eucharist families on Saturday, February 4, 9-10 AM in Wellnitz Hall. This session is for the whole family and will include breakfast. Please RSVP by emailing sacraments@stbrendans.net or scan the QR code.

CONFIRMATION – In order for your teen(s) to receive this Sacrament in the Spring, they must have been Baptized as well as received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/Eucharist. They must also be registered in our St Brendan Faith Formation program or School. If you haven't already, please complete the Sacrament registration form ASAP – once you complete it, you will receive the link to make your payment. For more info, visit stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens/

REWARD PROGRAM UPDATE

AMAZONSMILE REWARDS PROGRAM IS ENDING FEBRUARY 20

We appreciate everyone who has supported our parish and school through AmazonSmile Rewards over the years but we have been notified that this program will be ending February 20. Please use it as often as you can until that expiration date! You can still earn money for our parish through Kroger Community Rewards or RaiseRight (formerly Scrip). To set up your Kroger Rewards to benefit St Brendan, visit www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards (use NPO code EP114). For religious education tuition rewards utilizing RaiseRight, visit www.stbrendans.net/school/raiseright/

SCHOLARSHIP

BEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP OPENS JANUARY 30

The Ben Smith "You Can Make a Difference" Scholarship provides a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to a senior student graduating from a Hilliard high school or is an active member of St Brendan Parish pursuing a degree to help individuals with special needs.

To apply for the Ben Smith Scholarship visit: <https://grants.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships/ben-smith-you-can-make-a-difference-scholarship/>

The Catholic Foundation's Applications for Scholarships opens January 30 and closes February 27. Questions? Contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org

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- Quick Start Guide: tinyurl.com/parishstaq-quick-guide
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January 29, 2023

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

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

I have a competitive streak. Whether it's guessing Wordle in one try, grabbing the last Doorbuster deal at Kohl's or snagging Boardwalk early in a game of Monopoly, I like to win. For this reason, the readings today especially challenge me. In a world that values success, wealth and "winning," today's readings turn things upside down when it comes to status and justice. In Zephaniah, God chooses the "humble and lowly." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out a road map to lasting happiness that bears little resemblance to what the world tells us, and even what our own instincts may tell us, about being "happy." I'll still buy Boardwalk at the first opportunity, but Jesus' words invite me to focus on seeking righteousness, and to be merciful and "clean of heart." They encourage me to seek the happiness that only Christ can give. Through prayer and reflection on these words, we can ask the Lord to transform our hearts and lives to align with what it truly means to be blessed.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Pope Francis has referred to the Eight Beatitudes as a kind of Christian "identity card." (General Audience, Jan. 2020) And he had a suggestion for those of us, like me, who love to listen to the Sermon on the Mount but may not be sure where to start when it comes to living it. His suggestion is simple: "There are eight Beatitudes, and it would be nice to learn them by heart and to repeat them in order to keep this law that Jesus gives us in our mind and in our hearts." Perhaps we can place each Beatitude on a sticky note by the mirror, incorporate them into our morning prayers, teach them to our children or discuss them with friends. Practice makes perfect, yes? As Pope Francis reminds us, "the Beatitudes always bring you to joy; they are the paths to reach joy."

STUDY Memorize the Eight Beatitudes. Learn about each one by reading the writings of Pope Francis or another theologian such as Bishop Robert Barron. Ask God to help you incorporate them into your daily life.

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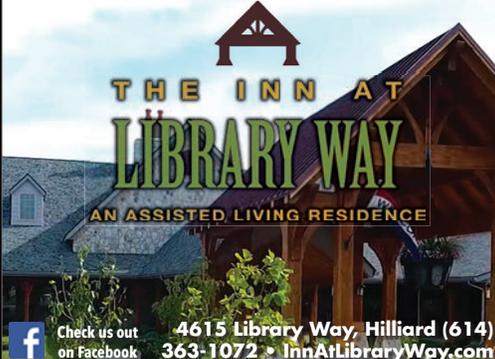
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