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The Epiphany of THE LORD



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.

*...magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his
star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

~ Mt 2:1-12

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**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.*

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

6:30 AM Luanne Janusz +

5:30 PM John Thissen +

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Feria III of the First Week of Ordinary Time

6:30 AM Luanne Janusz +

8:00 AM Kramb, Carolyn +

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Feria IV of the First Week of Ordinary Time

6:30 AM Robert Bickis, Jr +

5:30 PM Peter Volpe +

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Feria V of the First Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM Intention of Patricia Tarant

8:00 AM Robert Bickis, Jr +

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Feria VI of the First Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 AM Tesfazgi Weldemariam +

8:00 AM Robert Bickis, Jr +

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Optional Memorial of St Hilary

8:00 AM Protection of the Unborn

5:30 PM Bernadette Salakpi +

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 AM Michael Kaminski +

8:45 AM Judy Tabash +

10:45 AM Eugene Chervenak +

5:30 PM The People of St Brendan Parish

Note: + indicates intention is for a person who is deceased.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES 9 AM–10 PM

WED 7 AM–5 PM

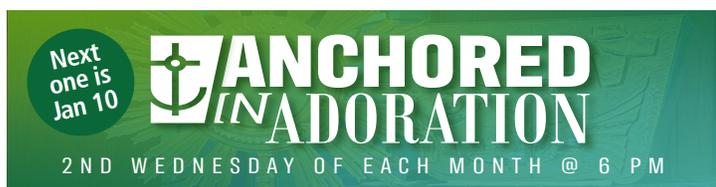
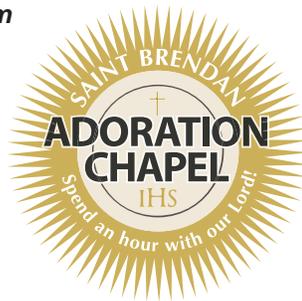
*Holy Hour: 6–7 PM,
Confessions available*

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



This Wednesday, January 10 at 6 PM in the Church, join us for Anchored in Adoration with elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith and our prayer team ready to pray with you!

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.

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 weekly)

Sign up for worship materials at tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

A MESSAGE FROM JACOB DORAN

Through 2023, I listened and read along with the *Catechism In A Year* Podcast. In its final section, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* walks through and teaches the meaning of each petition of the *Our Father*. I was particularly struck with paragraph 2816, which says, "The Kingdom of God lies ahead of us. It is brought near in the Word incarnate, it is proclaimed throughout the whole Gospel, and it has come in Christ's Death and Resurrection. The Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst. The Kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father..." As I write this note a few days after Christmas, this teaching reminds me of the ways that Christ comes to us, much like what Jen Rice wrote about in her note a few weeks ago. Christ came to Mary and Joseph on the First Christmas, He comes to us in our hearts through the Sacraments, and He will come again at the end of time.



Currently, we live in the age of the New Covenant. In this era, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us in Baptism and sealed in us at Confirmation. By His Holy Spirit, Jesus Himself lives in us, bringing us into the Kingdom of God. Because of His presence in our souls, we have a duty and role in bringing about His kingdom to the world. The Catechism also teaches us that because God has given us the opportunity for life forever with Him, we are responsible for bringing the justice and peace of God's Kingdom to the society we live in now. The power to do this comes repeatedly through the grace of the Eucharist which enables us to live according to the characteristics of a citizen of the Kingdom of God: The Beatitudes.

The perfect example of spreading the Kingdom of God and living out the Beatitudes is our recent high school mission trip to Crank's Creek. The youth were able to serve and pray with over 600 families and make more home visits than ever before. On the same trip, they also participated in Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. The presence of Christ in the Eucharist always commits us to the presence of Christ in the poor. When you think about how to bring about the Kingdom of God, think of this.

And so, we have a mission and a means by which we can evaluate our success. The more that we live according to the Beatitudes, the more that through us the Holy Spirit is bringing about the Kingdom of God. We should let this kingdom be present in our everyday lives, in our daily prayer, and in our every action. We can bring the Kingdom of God into our family, our work, and to our loved ones. This can be accomplished by being merciful and compassionate. You and I are representatives and envoys to this kingdom. Where the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, Christ is present there. For Jesus is truly Emmanuel, God with us.



**BEFORE YOU MAKE THAT
SAME OLD NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION...**

***And the Word became flesh and
dwelt among us.* – John 1:14**

Something transformative and deeply satisfying happens when we receive the Eucharist: we receive Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in every microscopic particle of the Consecrated Host or Precious Blood. He is an invited guest. He comes to dwell within us. And not only within our souls but within our bodies too, our good, made-by-God bodies.

He comes to dwell to fill our every need, our every desire, our every unknown and unseen ache. Of course, He knows and sees them. He made us, after all, one inner stitch at a time (Psalm 138:13). He knows the hairs on our head (Luke 12:7), the longings of our heart (Psalm 38:9), the embarrassing, the ugly, the pangs of shame (1 Peter 5:7) and loves us still (Romans 5:8). We are His, all of us.

He comes not merely to tamp down the geyser of never being enough, but also to patch over the black hole of never doing enough.

He comes as the Divine Healer of our bodies and our souls. He doesn't just want us to feel better. He wants us to be transformed through Him, with Him, and in Him. And that is what His dwelling within us does. We become more like Him.

What does it mean to become more like Him?
What does our identity look like already?
What will change?

Jesus comes to dwell within us, with His Body and Soul inside our body and soul. He fills every creaky dip and smooths every cracked edge. He brings deep and abiding peace with Him. He is the delight and contentment of true, lasting satisfaction.

He is the only One Who will satisfy.
Let Him come dwell within you.

Introduction to *Dwell* – A Study on the
Eucharist from Blessed is She

CANCELLATION

No Coffee & Donuts on Jan 7 or 14

MONTHLY EVENTS

ANCHORED IN ADORATION

Second Wednesdays, 6 PM

1ST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

First Fridays, 7 PM

1ST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

First Fridays, 9 AM–Sat, 1 PM

LIVESTREAM MASS

FACEBOOK

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YOUTUBE

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Sunday - 10:45 AM

Mon, Wed - 5:30 PM

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat - 8 AM

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

StBrendanofHilliard

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Parish: @stbrendanhilliard

School: @saintbrendanschool

The Vine: @stbvine

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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 7 5:30 PM Mass

January 14 10:45 AM Mass

January 21 5:30 PM Mass

January 28 10:45 AM Mass

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Bible Study	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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 10

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-7:15 PM	Anchored in Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Mtg Room B

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

No Coffee & Donuts

10:45 AM



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
9:45 AM	Family Faith Formation AM	Multiple Locations
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Night	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
6:45 AM	Family Faith Formation PM	School Cafeteria
6:45 PM	ROOTS	School Gym (MPR)



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

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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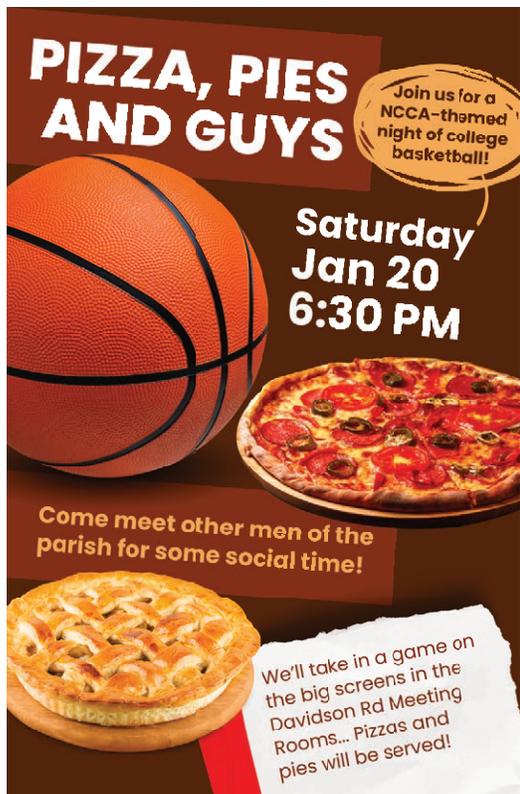
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Journey with the Bridgettine Sisters

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, January 13, 10 AM-12 PM, experience the beautiful hospitality and joy of the Bridgettine Sisters for a morning of reflection with other St Brendan women! Optional Mass at Holy Family Church at 9 AM, then meet at the Bridgettine Convent, 40 N Grubb St in Columbus for breakfast (including the Sisters' baked goods!), reflection by Father Stash Dailey followed by prayer and song with the Sisters! Carpooling is available. Cost is \$10. Register by January 8 at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups



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!



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 12 BLOOD DRIVE

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Friday, January 12, 1-7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Rooms A & B. Please give the gift of life by making an appointment by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov or 614-315-7466

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 dharder@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.

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Thinking ahead of what to get your loved one for Valentine's Day this year? How about a ticket to the Columbus 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 Emcee is our Director of Missionary Discipleship, Jennifer Rice! Register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com

SAY "I LOVE YOU" WITH A

Gift of Faith

BUY HER TICKETS TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

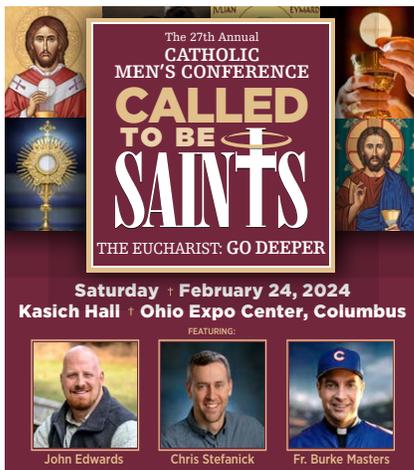
On Sale at:

ColumbusCatholicWomen.com

MEN'S TUESDAY & SATURDAY BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S MINISTRY is starting a new Bible study series on January 9. It is a video discussion produced by the Knights of Columbus called *Into The Breach, The Mission of the Family*. We will meet Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 AM for 5 weeks. All men of the parish are welcome!

SATURDAY MEN'S FAITH SHARING The book *Beautiful Eucharist* will guide a five-week journey about the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. Then, explore season 2 of *The Chosen* from a Catholic perspective. Join us on Saturdays at 6:30 AM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms beginning January 13 for fellowship (breakfast is provided), a video, small group discussion and prayer. Questions? Contact Grant at ricekris8813@att.net



The 27th Annual CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

CALLED TO BE SAINTS

THE EUCHARIST: GO DEEPER

Saturday + February 24, 2024
Kasich Hall + Ohio Expo Center, Columbus

FEATURING:

John Edwards Chris Stefanick Fr. Burke Masters

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference (*The Eucharist: Go Deeper*) takes place at Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on February 24, 2024 – Three amazing speakers, 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! Scan the QR code to register or visit www.CatholicMensMinistry.com



Donate January 20-28

BABY SHOWER

Help mothers in need!

Collection begins Saturday, **Jan 20** and ends Sunday, **Jan 28**.
 A monetary/2nd collection will also take place **Jan 27/28**.
 Help support the efforts of the Women's Care Center in opening a Maternity Shop & a 2nd 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 in monetary donations, make checks out to "Knights of Columbus" and mail them to:
St Brendan, 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026

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

Women's Care Center
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Thank you for your support

MARCH 2, 2024

AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS

2024 St Brendan School Auction & Dinner

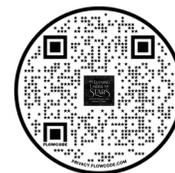
SCHOOL AUCTION - SAVE THE DATE!

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.

There will be a Giving Tree in the gathering space January 12-28 with individual items you can donate for the event.

Questions? Contact Joy Bair, Auction Chairperson, at jbair1@cducation.org or to contact one of our donations team members, please email sbauction@cducation.org

Auction news is available by scanning the QR code below or by visiting www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction/



COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL - JAN 13/14

Thank you for your past generosity, which enabled us to help 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 collection for St Vincent de Paul after next weekend Masses, 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 Road, Hilliard, OH 43026.



Also, 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

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation will be on Christmas break until our Family Session on January 14 and 15. During this time, continue your at-home Family Meetings and Martha submissions.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION – If your child has not attended a retreat experience yet, please contact us for alternatives at other parishes and let us know once your child has completed their retreat. Please send in any information you may have left off your registration form as soon as possible. We will contact families with any missing information. Thank you!

FIRST RECONCILIATION – If your child was unable to join the group First Reconciliation service, he or she can attend regular Confessions on Wednesdays or Saturdays. You can also call into the parish office and set up an individual Confession with any of the priests. Please let us know once this has been completed, and we will put together your child's certificate and gift.

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.

POD NURSERY HELP NEEDED

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, at andrea.r.mcclymont@gmail.com



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 **BRENHILL24**) 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>



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

THE
vine 

Jan 7 What is My Purpose?
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



The American Heritage Girls
Troop OH0516 Presents

Lies and
Liars
a night of dancing & fun

Saturday Jan 27 6:30-8 PM in the MPR \$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

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

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It's interesting how an event can be interpreted by different people. God's revelation of himself in the birth of the child Jesus is clearly one such event. The Magi, Gentiles from the east, had heard of this "newborn king of the Jews" and undertook a long and arduous journey to see him and offer him homage. They were edified and eager in their search. Herod, himself a king - of the Jews - did not have the same reaction. The very thought of this "newborn king" threatened him and filled him with rage and suspicion. In this moment in human history, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (i.e., the Epiphany) unveils the truth of God's redemptive work for all of creation to be reconciled to himself. This truth has been accepted and rejected throughout time, and our celebration of this feast gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a focused and particular way for our acceptance of it - to give thanks for the gift of our faith. Perhaps it is even a moment for us to have our own, colloquial epiphany: an "aha moment," where we once again truly understand the depth of God's love for us.

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The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ Child; they were warned not to return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body" - the body of Christ. Just as the magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be. Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; he is here with us, in Word and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank him for his enduring presence in our lives.

PRAY *Lord God of heaven and earth,*

you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star ...

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We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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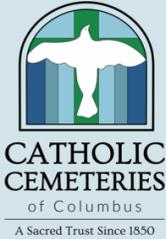


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