



Join us! Masses of Gratitude

AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN THE DAVIDSON ROAD MEETING ROOMS

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, THUR, FRI
6:30 AM, 8 AM

SAT 8 AM

RECONCILIATION*

WED 6-7 PM *(during Adoration)*

SAT 9 AM

*Schedule an appointment
for Confession with a priest
by calling the parish office.*

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**Regular Mass or Confession times may
change due to funerals, Feast or Holy Days.
Please see our parish calendar inside the
bulletin for this week's schedule.*

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS NOV 20-26

MON	Feria II of the Thirty-third Week
TUES	Memorial of the Presentation of Mary
WED	Memorial of St Cecilia
THUR	Thanksgiving Day
FRI	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
SAT	Optional Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria
SUN	Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe

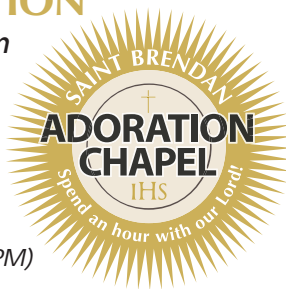
MASS INTENTIONS NOV 20-26

MON	6:30 AM	Abraha, from the Eritrean Community
	5:30 PM	Regina Tharp
TUES	6:30 AM	Johannes, from the Eritrean Community
	8:00 AM	James Nealon, Jr
WED	6:30 AM	James Nealon, Jr
	5:30 PM	Dom & Janet Julian
THUR	9:00 AM	Intention of Cross Anthony Guerrieri
FRI	8:00 AM	Beth Dristat
SAT	8:00 AM	Mary Jo Deerwester
	5:30 PM	Margie Rukavina
SUN	7:15 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	8:45 AM	Valencia Family
	10:45 AM	Intention of Logan Figuerado
	5:30 PM	David Frierhood

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 (First Friday of each month, Fri 9 AM–Sat 1 PM)
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, December 1, 9 AM through Saturday, December 2, 1 PM. Many adorers are still needed. Please sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

Next one is Dec 13

ANCHORED IN ADORATION

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Fall 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

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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 Jamie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

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

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq login to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

A MESSAGE FROM KARA DAY

St Brendan Family,

In our high school youth ministry, The Vine, we have the opportunity to come before Jesus in the Eucharist every single week. This has completely transformed the hearts of our high schoolers to be lifelong missionary disciples who are in love with Jesus in the Eucharist and on fire in their Catholic faith.

Here are some reflections from the teens on what the Eucharist means to them:

"To me, the Eucharist has been a constant source of power and security and being in Jesus' presence is something that is unexplainable. I can go into Adoration and rest in safety and in peace, gazing upon His beauty."

-Addy, junior

"The Eucharist is becoming a massive part of my faith. Ever since I have started going to daily Mass and all the Adoration at The Vine, it means so much to my faith; there is just something special and particularly spirit-filled about praying in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist."

-Kyle, senior

"Every time I receive the Eucharist, my day, my heart, and the way I live my day is completely different. In the times I have been fully alive in the Mass and the times I have felt distracted and distant during the Mass, the Lord always is faithful and speaks to us in a beautiful way every single time. His presence changes everything, and has changed my life. I wish others knew that Jesus is truly present in the mass, and the Holy Spirit is truly alive as well, and that Mass shouldn't be seen as an obligation but as an opportunity to grow closer and closer to His sacred heart every time we enter in."

-Andrew, senior

"The Eucharist is my favorite part of my faith!"

-Sophie, junior

"Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist has been so peaceful and transfixing!"

-Bronwyn, sophomore

"I wish all Catholics could truly fathom how beautiful of a gift the Eucharist is."

-Elise, sophomore

"To consume the Eucharist is a physical way of consuming God's love and sacrifice for His children. My heart overflows with His love when I consume the Eucharist and He wants the same for you."

-Anna, junior

"The Eucharist for me is a taste of what it's going to be like in Heaven."

-Austin, sophomore

My prayer for our parish is that the same way these teens have spent time in the presence of Jesus and been transformed by His love, that we would follow their lead and do the same. Jesus is waiting to meet YOU in the Adoration chapel and at Mass. There is nothing more important than spending time with Him!



**COME & SEE
THE EUCHARIST**

HOW TO PRAY THE OPENING PRAYER

Spiritual Meaning: "Sacrifice," which is at the heart of Jesus' saving work, the Mass and the Christian life, means giving undivided love to God the Father. Gifts and offerings that truly represent the heart of the giver are the true sacrifice desired by God. The objective of the preparation of the gifts and of the altar is to place our whole selves on the altar so that we can be joined with Jesus' whole self and given to God the Father.

Participation: Pray the Morning Offering throughout the week, and during the preparation of the altar and the gifts at Mass, consider slowly and thoughtfully what or whom you pray for: what you are working toward in the days to come; what has brought you recent joy, and each thing large or small that causes you pain or suffering. Be specific and genuine in these considerations and place them on the altar along with the bread and wine.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Spiritual Meaning: A priest is a bridge builder, or pontifex, who bridges the divide separating Man from God so that we can pass over from earth to heaven. Jesus' priestly Paschal Mystery – His suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension – bridges the gap between fallen earth and eternal heaven: He is the Pontifex Maximus. Even though Christ does not need our assistance in His saving work, He makes us sharers in His priesthood at Baptism, empowering us to build the Paschal bridge with Him during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Participation: Recalling that Baptism conforms us to Jesus and His priesthood and gives to each the power to offer sacrifice, following the preparation of your heart during the offertory prayers, remember that you must join these to the sacrifice of Jesus at the priest's hands, sending them across the chasm to God the Father.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Cecelia Jane Ransberger
Eloise Kaye Ransberger
Annie Elizabeth Stricker
Fallon Barbara Stricker

NOV & DEC HOLIDAY MASS/EVENTS

THANKSGIVING MASS, 9 AM
NOV 23 – No 6:30 or 8 AM Mass.
No Adoration. Parish office is closed.
NOV 24 – No 6:30 AM Mass or
Adoration. Parish office is closed.

1ST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER
DEC 1, 7 PM – Adoration Chapel

1ST FRIDAY 24-HR ADORATION
DEC 1, Friday 9 AM–Saturday 1 PM

CHRISTINGLE
DEC 3, 2 PM – Davidson Road
Meeting Rooms & Church

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
DEC 7, 5:30 PM – Vigil Mass
DEC 8, 7 AM & 7 PM – Mass

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
DEC 7, 6:30 PM – Women's Event

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
DEC 11, 7-9 PM – Church

ANCHORED IN ADORATION
DEC 13, 6 PM – Church

HOLY MASS, DEC 23/24
DEC 23, 5:30 PM Vigil
DEC 24, 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass
No Sunday 7:15 AM Mass.
Church closes after the 10:45 AM
Mass and reopens at 2 PM to
prepare for Christmas Eve Masses.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, DEC 24
• 4 PM – Church & School Gym
• 6:30 PM – Church & School Gym
• 10 PM – Church
No 5:30 PM Sunday Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, DEC 25
• 8:45 AM – Church (*livestreamed*)
• 10:45 AM – Church (*livestreamed*)
No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses.
Parish office is closed Dec 25 & 26.
No Adoration Tues, Dec 26.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation Sm Grps	Multiple Locations

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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
7:00 PM	Rescue Project	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

No School / No Adoration / No Confession		
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	NO Adoration or Confession	
7:00 PM	Young Adult: Men's Small Grp	The Carter Center

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving: No School / No Adoration / Parish Office Closed		
9 AM	Daily Mass	Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

No School / No Adoration / Parish Office Closed		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

No Adoration		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Sale of Holy Land Carvings	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

No Coffee & Donuts		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
After all Masses	Sale of Holy Land Carvings	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
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
7:00 PM	Grief Support Group	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/patio)



To the family of Cathy Purdin



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
Betsy M Borchers	Jill Markey
Chris Carrino	Joe Martin
Linda Clark	Luna Reilly McDonald
Patricia Crane	Kaden Morris
Tom Crane	Becky Moyer
Dick Crumley	Lorraine Nemchik
Ben Diepenbrock	Michelle Spencer
Connie Feliks	Tom Speroni
Mary Jo Flickinger	Pamela Theado
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
Lois Hanf	Marilyn Wiggins

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

Please 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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DECEMBER 1, 8 AM – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at First Watch, 3800 Fishinger Road. No RSVP needed.

DECEMBER 11, MONDAY, 12 PM
Christmas Potluck – In the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Entrée and drinks are provided. If your last name begins with A–D, bring dessert and E–Z, bring a side dish. RSVP by December 7 to Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925

MINISTRY OF CARE TO HOMEBOUND & FACILITIES

Our extended family members need our help to visit and bring Communion. We are in great need of people with a heart for this ministry and population to help us once a month, as a sub, or more frequently. All training is provided by our teams, shadowing until you are ready to venture on your own. You do not already need to be an EMHC to participate – you can be trained just to serve the sick. For more information or to say “YES!” please call Jen Rice at the parish office or email jrice@stbrendans.net

ADOPT-A-SENIOR

Each month, our home and facility-bound seniors receive the Word Among Us which contains the daily readings, reflections and guide to Mass. We need your help in order to continue this program! Your \$20 gift will provide a year of booklets, plus Advent and Lent supplements. To give online visit <https://tinyurl.com/Adopt-Senior> or scan the QR code. You may also drop a check off at the parish office or in the collection basket with AAS (Adopt a Senior) written on it.

A card will be signed with your name on it. The books and cards will go into 250 care packages. **Items needed for Care Packages:**

- Large print word search books (no others)
- Lip Balm or Lotions (small sizes)
- Individually packaged snacks

Place items in the marked boxes in the church gathering area by Nov 29 so our school children can assemble the care packages as their service project.

Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Jamie at jyoung@stbrendans.net



TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

As part of Vocations Awareness Week, we have a special Traveling Vocations Crucifix that will spend a week with families in the parish. It includes prayer resources for families to pray and discuss vocations, how God is calling each of us in a special way to serve Him and His Church, and to live out the call to holiness that is for everyone. Sign up

your family for a week in ParishStaq and commit to receive the Vocations Crucifix during that time. After your week ends, drop it off in the specially marked cabinet in the Adoration Chapel by 10:45 AM on Sunday so the next family who signed up can retrieve it. We would like to get enough families to have the Vocations Crucifix passed among parish families at least until Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter on April 21. Sign up by scanning the QR code or at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public>



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Trees are up this weekend in the Church Gathering Space! Please take a tag and follow the instructions. Your donations will go to a variety of causes. For more information, see the poster in the gathering space. If you prefer online shopping, please visit our Amazon Wishlist by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/giving-tree-23> or scan the QR code below. Make your purchase online and it will be delivered directly to our Giving Tree volunteer, Marge Cogan. Your donations will help to support the St Francis Evangelization Center Christmas Store in McArthur, OH. Please return all purchased Giving Tree items by December 3 and place them by the trees in the church lobby. Questions? Contact Rhonda at 614-313-2066



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? Join us at our next Grief Support Workshop Sunday, November 26, 7 PM in Wellnitz, Room 1. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com



INVITE ONE BACK TO MASS!

Do you know any family members, neighbors or friends who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith? What would happen if each of us invited just one person to attend Mass with us? This Christmas, we are asking each of our parish family members to “Invite ONE back” to Mass with them. To aid your efforts, we have created a special invitation greeting card which will be available for you to take home beginning November 18. Thanksgiving gatherings offer an opportunity to share this invitation! An electronic version, which may be emailed, is available now by visiting www.stbrendans.net/advent-events

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Christmas Poinsettias for the altar contributions are \$10 per poinsettia and can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Make checks payable to St Brendan the Navigator Church and mail with form to: 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026 – OR – drop off form and checks at the parish office. You can also request poinsettias by filling out and paying through our online form by scanning the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-poinsettias>



The memorials will appear in our Christmas bulletin and in the corresponding online bulletin at www.stbrendans.net/bulletin There will also be some paper copies available in the Gathering Space. Forms must be turned in by hand, mailed in to the office or filled out online no later than December 8.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR:

In Memory of: _____

~OR~ Special Intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Email or phone #: _____

Number of Plants (\$10 each) _____

WOMEN'S ADVENT EVENT

We invite all women of the parish to attend a beautiful night of prayer and reflection to fill our hearts with hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We welcome Sister Ana Chiara, DLJC to speak with us about the hope and peace that come from our relationship with Jesus. A catered dinner will be served. Cost is \$10 per person.



Sign up to be a table hostess to provide linens, decorations, and place settings (real plates, silverware, no cups needed) for your table. Invite some women and leave space for a few new faces, or leave your table open for anyone to join you. Register as a guest and be welcomed at an open table.



Use the QR code to register and pay. If you are hosting a table, please remind your guests to register as well. If you are a guest, put the name of your hostess on your form. Visit www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups for details. Questions? Contact Jen at jrice@stbrendans.net



NEW! CHRISTINGLE EVENT

Join us for a new Advent tradition brought to you by Father Bob's own tradition! Bring your family and friends to the Christingle Event on December 3, 2-3:30 PM.

The Christingle is a special symbol full of meaning around the Christmas story. Craft one with us and learn about its meaning from 2-2:45 PM while you enjoy refreshments and community in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Then, come into the church to participate in a service full of music, prayer and preparation for Jesus' birth. Register your family by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.stbrendans.net/advent-events (No RSVP to attend just the service.)



1st FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

Our deacons lead First Friday Evening Prayer in the Adoration Chapel the first Friday of each month. Join us next Friday, December 1 at 7 PM. Come ready to pray!

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT is the national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ – "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty and offers a hand up, not a hand out. Please give generously in the baskets this weekend. Or, you can give online by scanning the QR code: <https://ppay.co/irFe5VWZMXg>



ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Middle School Small Groups will occur again on November 19 & 20. Sacrament Preparation's next Family Session is Monday, November 27. Please let us know if you need to miss one of the at-church Family Sessions or if you still need to pick up an at-home box. You can email faithformation@stbrendans.net

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation date has been announced. It will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at 4 and 7:30 PM. Please pray for the Confirmation candidates attending their retreat at Damascus this weekend, November 17-19!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our parish First Reconciliation service is on Saturday, December 2 at 10 AM in the church.

POD NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED

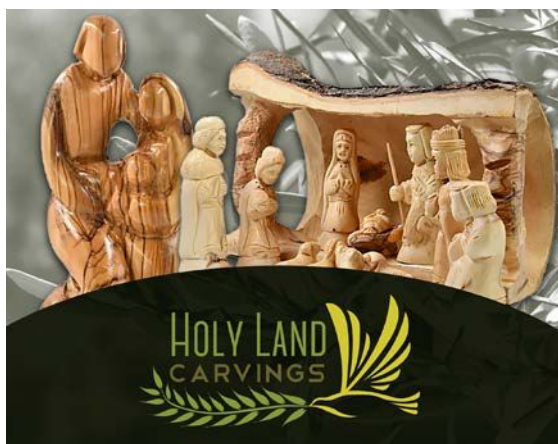
We are still in search of a coordinator for our POD Nursery to schedule volunteers who watch over and care for children during 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses on Sundays as well as during our Family Faith Formation programs. If interested, please contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

2024 CATHOLIC SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

St Brendan is offering a \$100 campership for the first 100 parishioners to register for CSYC's 2024 summer camp at Damascus. Register now using discount code BRENHILL24 at <https://tinyurl.com/register-CYSC>



Pre-registration is available for children aged 3-5 next fall and seeking a safe, fun, and nurturing preschool education. As the official feeder school of St Brendan, St Margaret of Cortona Preschool will be adding full-day programs and St Brendan shuttle services beginning in 2024. As space will be limited, St Brendan families can pre-register (now until December 1) to reserve a spot by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/232775708817064>



HOLY LAND CARVINGS SALE NEXT WEEKEND □ NOV 25/26

Holy Land Carvings represent the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on the tourism to support their families. Due to the bad situation there and interruption of the tourist trade, families in the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Your purchases will help to support the effort to enable Christians to stay present in the Holy Land. Choose from beautiful carvings, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, and Pictures of the Last Supper, available next weekend, Nov 25 & 26 in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Details at www.holylandcarvings.com (Note: No Coffee and Donuts next Sunday)



THANKSGIVING MASS – NOVEMBER 23, 9 AM
(Note: No Adoration or Confession on Wed, Nov 22)

THURSDAY, NOV 23 – No 6:30 or 8 AM Mass.
No Adoration. Parish office is closed.

FRIDAY, NOV 24 – No 6:30 AM Mass.
No Adoration. Parish office is closed.

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November 19, 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts - they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth - to multiply his goodness in the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

WITNESS The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.

HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

CHRISTMAS MOTETS, CAROLS, & LULLABIES

November 26 - The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster will host the Lancaster Chorale with the Lancaster-Fairfield Youth Choir as they perform a collection of lullabies. Tickets and details can be found at www.lancasterchorale.com/concert-2

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Friday, December 1, St Patrick Church, Columbus event features his Excellency Bishop Earl Fernandes, Bishop of the Columbus Diocese and sponsored by The Catholic Foundation (website: <https://catholic-foundation.org/>). Holy Mass (optional) at 11:45 AM, 12:10 PM lunch and then Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations necessary. \$12 cost for lunch. To sponsor a luncheon, contact Pat at foley513@gmail.com

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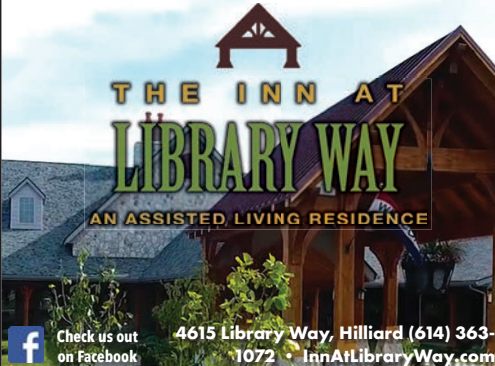
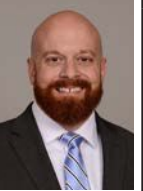
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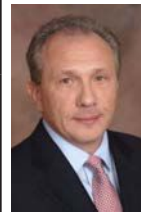


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