

# Second Sunday of Advent

**"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
-MK 1:1-8**



## **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 DEC 11-17

MON	Optional Memorial of Pope St Damasus I
TUES	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
WED	Memorial of St Lucy
THUR	Memorial of St John of the Cross
FRI	Feria VI of the Second Week of Advent
SAT	Saturday of the Second Week of Advent
SUN	Third Sunday of Advent

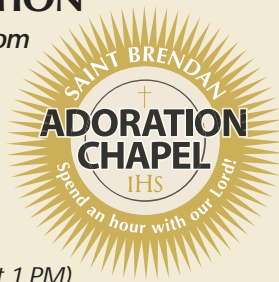
## MASS INTENTIONS DEC 11-17

MON	6:30 AM	George Hassey
TUES	6:30 AM	George Hassey
	8:00 AM	Charles Dorian
WED	6:30 AM	Philip Martin
	5:30 PM	David Friermood
THUR	6:30 AM	James Hahn
	8:00 AM	Philip Martin
FRI	6:30 AM	James Hahn
	8:00 AM	Robert Kight, Sr
SAT	8:00 AM	Mark Petty
	5:30 PM	Donald K. Barron
SUN	7:15 AM	David Friermood
	8:45 AM	Robert, Sr & Nancy Kight
	10:45 AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

## EUCHARISTIC 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



# 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](mailto:receptionist@stbrendans.net) or call 614.876.1272

Request a packet at [stbrendans.net/become-a-member](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stbrendans.net/marketing)  
Questions? Email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto: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](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net)

## Protecting God's Children Class

Register at [www.virtus.org](http://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](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) and create your ParishStag login to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit [tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids](http://tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids)

Next  
one is  
Dec 13

# ANCHORED IN ADORATION

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

Join us this coming Wednesday, December 13 at 6 PM in the Church for Anchored in Adoration with elevating music, testimony of faith from Jen Rice, and our prayer team ready to pray for your intentions!

# A MESSAGE FROM FR STINNETT

## Your Gift to Jesus this Christmas



Our journey through Advent looks forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas, the first coming of Christ, the miracle of the Incarnation and Jesus' birth to Mary and Joseph in the stable in Bethlehem, the Word-Made-Flesh. However, there are two other senses in which Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. The second is the coming of Christ at the end of time, when He will gather all creation together in Himself. In between these two, there is another "advent," another coming of Christ. It is not as though Jesus abandoned us at the Ascension, leaving us to our own devices until He returns. Some days it may feel this way, especially with all the negative news coverage that our country and our Church receives. Just as Jesus was born in the dark of night and cold of winter, Jesus is present to His Church even in the darkness of the world and the seeming lack of the warmth of love.

Jesus is present in His Church, and especially in the hearts of believers who open their lives to Him. This happens in a real way in the sacraments. At our Baptism, we were washed in Jesus' Death and Resurrection. With original sin wiped away, we were made a fit dwelling place for God. St Therese of Lisieux says, "Our Lord does not come down from Heaven every day to lie in a golden ciborium. He comes to find another Heaven which is infinitely dearer to Him—the Heaven of our souls, created in His image, the living temples of the adorable Trinity." Jesus tells us this at the Last Supper: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (Jn 14:23). Our heart is the place where this middle coming of Jesus takes place. It is where He desires to dwell more than anywhere else.

In Advent, we are called upon in a special way to prepare our hearts once again to be the place of the coming of Jesus. This is why Advent is a penitential season as well as a season of preparation. We do so much to decorate our homes for Christmas. We need to take time to decorate our hearts, as well. This is done by taking extra time for prayer, maybe a day or two of fasting, and confessing those sins which prevent Jesus from taking up residence in our heart. We do penance to open ourselves to God's mercy and God's presence in our lives. The absolution received in Confession restores our souls to the same state of perfection they were in on the day of our Baptism, and even more so, because we bring with it all the good works, the virtues, and the merits we have received over the course of our life. This should be our present to the baby Jesus on Christmas Day, a spiritual bouquet of prayers, good works, and the sincere resolve to live out the holiness to which He calls us and by Whose grace it is possible to achieve.



### A PARISHIONER'S TESTIMONIAL

I am an office volunteer on Thursdays (my favorite day of the week,) doing odds and ends for the staff. I truly enjoy my role, and during my time I have the honor of being an adorer for one hour before I go into the office... It is such a gift!

I had recently attended the *Buckeye Awakening* retreat at OSU and cried that entire Holy Hour when Jesus was exposed during Adoration. I cried so hard I got a headache and needed Advil after. The monstrance was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen! A couple months prior, while in a non-Catholic Bible Study, the leader had talked about trembling and shaking before the Lord. I had done exactly that during my time with Jesus at the *Buckeye Awakening!* I then started going to our parish Holy Hour and loved listening to the music but could not seem to focus in the silence. I didn't want to rely on others to drive me multiple times a week to the parish to just "sit in silence" for an hour and had the mind-set that "Jesus is everywhere... I don't need Adoration to pray." But in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says to Peter, "so you couldn't watch with me for one hour?" The King of the Universe is asking us, for just one hour out of our busy schedules, to sit with Him.

When I started volunteering back in the fall, Jen Rice asked me if I wanted to fill the need of being an adorer. I thought, great, I can kill two birds with one stone. I know that Jesus wanted to see me and spoke through Jen. I gave my "yes" but was apprehensive if I could focus. This time, I didn't struggle at all that hour in silence, thank you Jesus! We live in a world that is filled with so much noise and in the Adoration chapel there is complete silence. I feel so much peace in that one hour and don't view it as an hour of sitting in silence now. It's an hour of talking to my Father, receiving affirmation about myself and what's on my mind. The saints want to meet you there as well. It's now my favorite hour of the week.

If you can't commit one hour, Jesus still loves you and wants you. If you are ever at the parish besides Mass, I encourage you to go to the chapel. No time is too short or too long for Jesus, He is outside of time. No matter if it's a quick hello, or thirty minutes or more, He sees you. He loves to see His children. Imagine being an empty nester and your child comes home unexpectedly. That's who you are to Jesus! He is so joyful to see you!



## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Louisa Rosalia Neuhs

## CONSTRUCTION!

### PARISH OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

To improve functionality and security, our parish office reception area will be under construction until Christmas. Look for a sign on the office door with the phone number to call for on-site assistance. We look forward to serving you during this brief renovation.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### FACEBOOK

Parish: [St Brendan, Hilliard](#)  
School: [St Brendan School](#)

### INSTAGRAM

Parish: [@stbrendanhilliard](#)  
School: [@saintbrendanschool](#)

Vine: [@stbvine](#)

Roots: [@stb\\_theroots](#)

Young Adults: [@stbya](#)

## LIVESTREAM

**FACEBOOK** [facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/](https://facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/)

### YOUTUBE

[SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](#)

Sunday - 10:45 AM

Mon, Wed - 5:30 PM

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat - 8 AM

## INCENSE AT MASS

Since incense at Mass may be uncomfortable for some due to allergies and smoke sensitivities, we will be limiting its use to one Mass per weekend and will advertise that schedule ahead of time. Look for the thurible icon with Mass time listed on the calendar over to the right.

### DECEMBER INCENSE SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Dec 10 – 5:30 PM Mass
- Sunday, Dec 17 – 10:45 AM Mass
- Sunday, Dec 24 – 10 PM Mass
- Sunday, Dec 31 – 10:45 AM Mass

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11		
5:30 PM Mass canceled due to additional 7 PM Penance Service		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW Christmas Potluck	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
5:30 PM	Mass is canceled	
6:30 PM	Family Faith Formation Monday	Multiple Locations
6:30 PM	Seek & Root Family Faith Formation	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/ Patio)
7:00 PM	Parish Advent Penance Service	Church
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12		
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, DECEMBER 13		
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, DECEMBER 14		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16		
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	Faith Formation Volunteer Christmas Dinner	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym (MPR)

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](mailto: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](http://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
Ben Diepenbrock	Michelle Spencer
Connie Feliks	Tom Speroni
Mary Jo Flickinger	Pamela Theado
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
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](http://www.stbrendans.net/prayer-wall), make your request and they will pray weekly for them. Consider sending them an invitation to "Invite ONE back" to Mass this Christmas! (visit [www.stbrendans.net/advent-events](http://www.stbrendans.net/advent-events))

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## ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

### PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

DEC 11, 7-9 PM – Church

- No Monday 5:30 PM Daily Mass

### ANCHORED IN ADORATION

DEC 13, 6 PM – Church

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC 23, 5:30 PM Sat Vigil

DEC 24, 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass

- No Sunday 7:15 AM Mass
- Church closes after the 10:45 AM Mass & reopens at 2 PM to prepare for Christmas Eve Masses

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, DEC 24

4 PM – Church & School Gym

6:30 PM – Church & School Gym

10 PM – Church

- No 5:30 PM Sunday Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES, 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 Tuesday, Dec 26

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES, DEC 31

Follow usual Sunday Mass schedule.

- No POD Nursery, Children's Liturgy of the Word or Coffee & Donuts

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, JAN 1

9 AM, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother – Holy Day of Obligation


- No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses
- Parish office is closed Jan 1 & 2
- No Adoration on Tuesday, Jan 2

## DEC 17 COFFEE & DONUTS

### WELCOME & INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

The St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home and Welcome Ministries are co-hosting Coffee and Donuts next Sunday after the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses. We hope to see you in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms for a Christmas festive time including hot cocoa, coloring and puzzle activities for the kids and ministry members on hand to help advise how to utilize the *Invite ONE Back* greeting cards to invite a loved one back to Mass with you this Christmas!

JOIN US THIS MONDAY  
IN THE CHURCH FOR OUR  
**PARISH PENANCE  
SERVICE**  
MONDAY  
**DEC 11 7-9 PM**



Invite  
**ONE  
BACK**  
to Mass this  
Christmas!

## EXTEND A WELCOMING INVITE

This Advent, we encourage each of you to invite one family member or friend who has not been attending Mass, back to the Church at Christmas. Keep it simple and welcoming and pray about whom you would like to invite; then give them a call, see them in person, or use one of the cards we have created just for this purpose (available in the church gathering space.) An electronic version, which you can text or email is also available online at [www.stbrendans.net/advent-events](http://www.stbrendans.net/advent-events)

If each of us invites one person who is away from their faith back to Mass, what a truly wonderful Christmas gift that would be!

## TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Please consider signing your family up for a week with our Traveling Vocations Crucifix to help promote religious vocations. After your week ends, drop it off in the specially marked cabinet in the Adoration Chapel by 10:45 AM on the following Sunday so the next family signed up can retrieve it. Our hope is to have the Vocations Crucifix passed among parish families until Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21. Sign up via the QR code or at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public>



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MAKE A GREAT  
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MEN'S CONFERENCE TICKETS  
On Sale at:  
**CatholicMensMinistry.com**

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TICKETS  
On Sale at:  
**ColumbusCatholicWomen.com**

## COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CONFERENCES, 2024

This year, both men's and women's conferences are dedicated to the Glory and Beauty of the Eucharist. The Women's Conference, Saturday, February 17, 2024, features speakers Heather Khym, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Father John Burns, Claire Dwyer, Fr Timothy Anastos, and the Emcee is our very own Director of Missionary Discipleship, Jen Rice!

The Men's Conference, Feb 24, 2024, features speakers Chris Stefanick, John Edwards, and Fr Burke Masters (Chaplain for the Chicago Cubs). Both events include Mass, religious organizations, Adoration, and plenty of food and fellowship. Visit the websites for details and to register at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com) and [www.CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://www.CatholicMensMinistry.com)



*Journey with the*  
Bridgettine Sisters

## A MORNING OF REFLECTION

January 13, 2024, 10 AM-12 PM, come and experience the beautiful hospitality and joy of the Bridgettine Sisters at their convent 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 Street in Columbus for breakfast (including the Sisters' baked goods!), reflections by Father Stash Dailey and one of our dear leaders, prayer and song with the Sisters! Carpooling will be available. Cost is \$10. Register on our St Brendan Women's Group web page at [www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups](http://www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups)



## GIVING TREE ITEMS ARE DUE!

Most Giving Tree items are due this weekend except: Festa Good Tidings Store items were due Dec 5, St Francis Center items were due Dec 8, and The Vine Cranks Creek Mission Trip items are due Dec 17 (see next page in the bulletin for more details). For online shopping, view our Amazon Wishlist by scanning the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/giving-tree-23> Online purchases are delivered to our ministry volunteer, Marge Cogan. Help make Christmas special this year for those in need! Questions? Contact Rhonda at [hamrockr@gmail.com](mailto:hamrockr@gmail.com)



## ST BRENDAN WOMEN □ SMALL GROUP STUDY



Beginning January 4, we continue to focus on Jesus in the Eucharist as we explore *Dwell: A Study on the Eucharist (a Blessed Is She offering.)* Learn how to invite Him in and discover true satisfaction through narrative reflections, Church teaching, Scripture and wisdom from the Saints. The *Dwell* study book explores five aspects of how Jesus changes our lives when we give Him space to become part of it! The study runs Thursday mornings/evenings, Jan 4-Feb 8. Register at [www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups](http://www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups) by Dec 15. Questions? Contact Jen at [jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net)

## POD NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Pod Nursery will be reopening this weekend for 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM Masses. For Faith Formation, **we are still in need of one volunteer for this coming Monday!** We are looking for both adults and teens to



help out. Adults must be *Protecting God's Children* compliant. Thank you for joining this important ministry! To sign up, please scan the QR code or contact our Pod Nursery Coordinator, Andrea McClymont, by emailing [andrea.r.mcclymont@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.r.mcclymont@gmail.com)



## FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks to your generosity during this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive, 2,277 pounds of food and household supplies were collected, plus 975 boxes of cereal were donated by our St Brendan School students. St Vincent de Paul Society thanks everyone who made this year's Food Drive a huge success in providing aid to our community and neighbors in need!

## CHURCH CLEANING

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



## OUR GIFT TO YOU...

As our parish Advent gift to you, please take one copy per family of the *Word Among Us, Advent Edition* for daily Mass readings, reflections and inspiring articles. Copies are in the gathering space while they last. Prepare your hearts for the Lord!

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from other parishioners? Our next group luncheon is at 1 PM on Thursday, December 21 at La Chatelaine in Dublin. Questions? Contact Dennis at [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com)

# CRANKS CREEK WINTER MISSION TRIP DECEMBER 21-23

YOUR DONATIONS PROVIDE FOOD & TOYS FOR 700+ FAMILIES IN NEED!



SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP BY  
DONATING ONLINE @ [TINYURL.COM/CRANKS-CREEK](http://TINYURL.COM/CRANKS-CREEK),  
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## SECOND COLLECTION FOR CRANKS CREEK THIS WEEKEND

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- March 10** Made in His Image
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## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**CONTINUED GROWTH FAMILY SESSIONS** this week, December 10 and 11. After Monday, Family Faith Formation will be on Christmas break until our Family Session on January 14 and 15.

## 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 last week, they can attend regular Confession on Wednesdays or Saturdays, as well as Monday night's Advent Penance Service. You can also call into the parish office and set up an individual Confession with any of the priests.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** – If you have not picked up a First Eucharist Nourish box yet, please contact Maggie at [magra@stbrendans.net](mailto: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.

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# Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

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

Can you hear it? The voice crying out in the desert? While John the Baptist was the one literally proclaiming, from the desert, the coming of the Lord, we should listen for echoes of his message today. John foretold that Jesus – the Father’s Incarnate Son – was on his way to redeem the world. Through Jesus’ passion and death, the gates of heaven were flung open so all who believe in him would have eternal life. This is the Good News he proclaimed then, and the Church proclaims today: *Christ has come! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.* This is what we prepare for in Advent – to celebrate, on Christmas day, Christ’s coming into the world, and that he will one day return in glory. The Lord gives comfort to his people in his words, and in his presence to us in the Eucharist: “According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” So, trust in the Lord, remain vigilant, and take heed of the voices that remind us to “prepare the way of the Lord.”

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Each year, we are given the gift of Advent. It is a season that invites us to slow down, reflect on the gift of Jesus and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Ironically, though, it happens at one of the most frenzied times of the year as we rush to keep up with cookie baking, tree decorating and merry-making. Advent is short – it includes four Sundays but can be three to four weeks long depending on the weekday upon which Christmas falls – and it sometimes doesn’t seem long enough to truly prepare our hearts. This year Advent is three weeks and a day – so we are close to reaching the midway point, which is a good time to ask ourselves: How tuned in are we to John the Baptist’s message? If we feel like we’re being carried along in a wave of consumerism, it’s not too late to make a course correction. We can step away from the fray and carve out time to enjoy the stillness of Advent and truly listen to the voice crying out in the desert.

# HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

## **ST CHARLES HOSTING WOMEN'S AUDITIONS**

St Charles Preparatory School Drama Dept will hold women's auditions for *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* on Wed and Thurs, Jan 3 & 4, 4 PM at the St Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad St (only need to attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: Feb 29-March 3, 2024. Questions? Contact Doug Montgomery, at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org)

## **UNDONE: FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART**

St Francis de Sales proudly hosts *Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart* conference in partnership with the JPPII Healing Center in January 2024. This event will sell out so add a calendar reminder and plan accordingly! Visit [jpriihealingcenter.org/events/](http://jpriihealingcenter.org/events/) to buy tickets now.

## **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST AGATHA**

Dec 19, 6:30-8:30 PM in St Agatha Parish Hall. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Angel Fox presents "Joy in the Signs and Wonders of God's Presents." No Registration Fee. RSVP by Dec 15 to Maggie at [magzink63@gmail.com](mailto:magzink63@gmail.com) or 614-537-3558 and indicate if you want to be a table hostess, a guest, or if you want to sit by a friend. Hostesses: Arrive at 6 PM to set up your table, bring a centerpiece, table decor & adult spirits to share. Linen and tableware provided. Advent Basket Raffle - Cash Tickets Only (\$5 for 1 ticket, \$12 for 3 tickets, and \$20 for 5 tickets)

## **LIVE NATIVITY AT ST JOSEPH'S IN PLAIN CITY**

Join St Joseph Parish in Plain City, Dec 17, 4-6 PM at the Parish Activity Center for the "God Is with Us - Come Let Us Adore" Family event, featuring Live Nativity, caroling, food and activities for kids at 670 W Main Street, Plain City, OH 43064.

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## ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Brendan's Young Adults Group meets the first Wednesday of each month (next one is January 3, 2024) at 7 PM for a talk and social time in Wellnitz Hall with Adoration beforehand at 6 PM. Small groups meet 7-9 PM the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (last one this year is December 27, 2023.) Also, on the third Wednesday of each month, 7 PM, join other St Brendan young adults at the Young Catholic Professionals monthly event (see ad to the left.) This month's event takes place on December 13, 7 PM at St Matthew Church. Send in your questions by visiting [www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org) Questions? Contact [kaylastucke@gmail.com](mailto:kaylastucke@gmail.com)

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