

Dec 3, 2-3:30pm

Christingle

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!

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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**Times may change due to funerals, Feast or Holy Days. See calendar in the bulletin for this week's schedule.*

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS DEC 4-10

MON Optional Memorial of St John Damascene
TUES Feria III of the First Week of Advent
WED Optional Memorial of St Nicholas
THUR Memorial of St Ambrose
FRI Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
SAT Optional Memorial of St Juan Diego
SUN Second Sunday of Advent

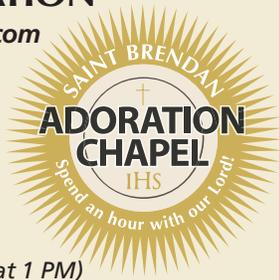
MASS INTENTIONS DEC 4-10

MON 6:30 AM Steve Ireland
5:30 PM Mary Jo Deerwester
TUES 6:30 AM Donald Eckstein
8:00 AM Robert & Catherine Eckstein
WED 6:30 AM Sandra Ater
5:30 PM Donald Eckstein
THUR 6:30 AM George Hassey
8:00 AM James Hahn
5:30 PM For the People of St Brendan Parish
FRI 7:00 AM Florence Scheel
7:00 PM Joan O'Connell
SAT 8:00 AM William Breda
5:30 PM Betty Canterbury
SUN 7:15 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish
8:45 AM For the Valencia Family
10:45 AM Loretto & Mary Petrozzi
5:30 PM Jeff Bellinski

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



Next one is Dec 13

ANCHORED IN ADORATION

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

Join us 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!

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

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 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

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

A MESSAGE FROM MAGGIE AGRA

Happy first day of Advent!

Advent is a particularly special time to me, as I love preparing and organizing for big celebrations. However, beyond the endless Christmas parties, deadlines, and to-do lists, Advent is more so a time to focus on the preparation of our hearts for the great gift of Christmas. On Christmas, we celebrate the reality of the Incarnation. Some call this event, "The Scandal of the Incarnation," because it so wildly reveals God's great humility and love for His people. God so loves us that He became as low as a human, born in a manger, to proclaim that love to us. Not only did He become human 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, but He also gave us the great gift of the Eucharist to consume whenever we come to Mass!



We can see the ways that the Lord was foreshadowing and pointing to the Eucharist through the Christmas story. The name "Bethlehem," the small country town in which Jesus was born, translates from the Old Hebrew as "House of Bread." Jesus is the Bread of Life, the Eucharist! And when Jesus was born, as a small, helpless newborn, He was placed gently in a manger. A manger, as many of us know, is no glamorous cradle that we find in the baby section of Target. A manger is actually a feeding trough for animals. We feed on the Eucharist at every Mass.

From the very beginning of His earthly life, the Lord was pointing to the fact that He would be our sustenance in this life. Even the fact that Jesus was humbly born as a baby points us back to the Eucharist. He came as something small, fragile, and relatable. This is also found in the Eucharist - a small host, easily broken, and relating to us by appearing as bread. Jesus was even wrapped in swaddling clothes the same way that shepherds would swaddle lambs for the sacrificial offering in the Temple.

There are so many beautiful ways that the Lord points us to the Eucharist through the Advent and Christmas celebrations. This Advent season, I encourage you to truly pray and enter into the Advent season as a preparation for the joy of the Incarnation and the gift of the Eucharist.

EXTEND A SPECIAL INVITATION TO SOMEONE THIS ADVENT

While we are deepening our own devotion to the Eucharist in this season of Eucharistic Revival, we should also be looking externally to how we can live as sons and daughters and bring the Good News to others. In the third phase of the Revival, the focus will be on missionary sending – going out into the world, not just to be an example, but to bring others with us to the table of our Lord.

We have an ideal opportunity to bring our family and friends to the Christmas table. We often see family come to Mass on Christmas, even when they have not been participating during the year. For some it is tradition, for others, family obligation. Whatever the reason that brings them into the doors, this is the opportunity to perhaps have them stay with the faith beyond Christmas.



This Advent we encourage each of you to intentionally invite one family member or friend back to the Church at Christmas. Keep it simple and welcoming: this is a time for gathering together in celebration of the greatest and most unimaginable gift, and their attendance at Mass is a way to celebrate with you, to give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed in this year.

First, 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 in the gathering space (shown to the left). An electronic version, which you can text or email is also available on our parish Advent Events web page at www.stbrendans.net/advent-events

Bring one more to the table and let Jesus do the rest!

Invite
ONE
BACK
to Mass this
Christmas!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Cole Sullivan Souza



To the families of Betsy Borchers, Luanne Janusz, & Robert Bickis Jr

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

Parish: **St Brendan, Hilliard**
School: **St Brendan School**

INSTAGRAM

Parish: **@stbrendanhilliard**
School: **@saintbrendanschool**
Vine: **@stbvine**
Roots: **@stb_the roots**
Young Adults: **@stbya**

LIVESTREAM

FACEBOOK 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

We are aware that incense at Mass may be uncomfortable for some parishioners due to allergies and smoke sensitivities. Therefore, 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 3 – 10:45 AM Mass
- 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:45 PM	Family Faith Formation Sm Grp	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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	Men's Club: Christmas Dinner & Exchange	School Cafeteria
7:00 PM	RCIA	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Play Group	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration; Confessions Available	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Formation	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Mtg Room B
7:00 PM	Young Adult Group	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
7:00 PM	Young Adult: Men's Small Grp	The Carter Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church
6:30 PM	St B Women: Advent by Candlelight	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM	Mass: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Mass, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Diocesan Collection: Retirement for Religious		
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 10

Diocesan Collection: Retirement for Religious		
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
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 PM	Family Faith Formation PM	Multiple Locations
6:45 PM	ROOTS	Multipurpose Room

5:30 PM





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
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, 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)

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ADVENT / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES & EVENTS

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, DEC 3

CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP & SERVICE

DEC 3, 2-3:30 PM – in the 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 – (now full!)

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

DEC 11, 7-9 PM – Church

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 and 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



THIS SUNDAY! DEC 3, 2-3:30 PM

Bring your family and friends to the Christingle Event this weekend where we will craft one first while learning about its meaning from 2-2:45 PM as 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!

ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St Brendan's Young Adults Group meets the first Wednesday of each month (next one is Dec 6) at 7 PM for a talk and social time in Wellnitz Hall with Adoration beforehand at 6 PM. Small groups are currently in progress and meet 7-9 PM the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. On the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, join other St Brendan young adults at the Young Catholic Professionals monthly event. To sign up and find more information visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org Questions? Contact kaylastucke@gmail.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, February 24, 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 and www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

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

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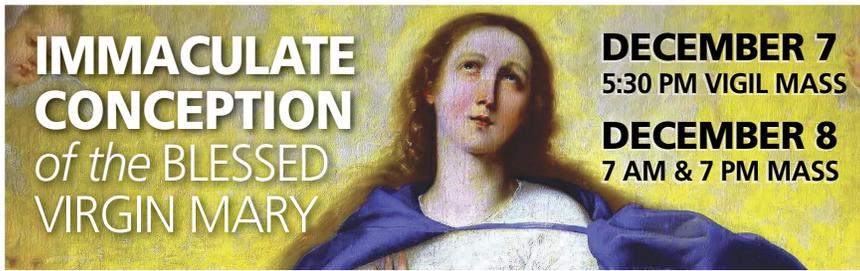
AN ADVENT GIFT FOR YOU

As our 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!

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

We have a special Traveling Vocations Crucifix that will spend a week with families in the parish which 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. 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 the following Sunday so the next family who 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>





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DECEMBER 7
5:30 PM VIGIL MASS

DECEMBER 8
7 AM & 7 PM MASS

Seniors **NOW** 
NAVIGATING OUR WAY
All seniors 65+ are invited to join us!

DECEMBER 11, MONDAY, 12 PM

Christmas Potluck – In the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Entrée and drinks are provided. Last name that begin with A–D, bring dessert and E–Z, bring a side dish. RSVP to Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925 by December 7.

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

CLEANING MINISTRY HELP

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

MINISTRY OF CARE TO HOMEBOUND & FACILITIES

Our extended family members need our help to bring Communion and we are currently in need of people with a heart for this ministry to help us once a month, as a sub, or more frequently. 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!” 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. Your \$20 gift will provide a year of booklets, plus Advent and Lent supplements. A card will be signed with your name on it. You may drop a check off at the parish office or in the collection basket with AAS (Adopt a Senior) written on it or give online via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/Adopt-Senior>



GIVING TREE DEADLINE UPDATES

Your Giving Tree donations help a wide variety of causes! See the poster in the Church Lobby for details or view it at www.stbrendans.net/advent-events We have extended the deadlines for the Christmas Giving Tree items to be returned. Items are now due back by December 10 with the exceptions of Festa Good Tidings Store, St Francis Center & The Vine Mission Trip. **Place purchased items by the trees in the lobby by:**

Festa Good Tidings Christmas Store	December 5
St Francis Evangelization Center	December 8
St Vincent de Paul, Hilliard Food Pantry, Holy Family, J.O.I.N., Mommies Matter, KofC Coats for Kids, Care & Consolation	December 10
The Vine Mission Trip	December 17

If you prefer online shopping, help fulfill our Amazon Wishlist accessible via the QR code to the left or at <https://tinyurl.com/giving-tree-23>

Online purchases are delivered directly to our ministry volunteer, Marge Cogan. Questions? Contact Rhonda Hamrock at 614-313-2066 or hamrockr@gmail.com

ST BRENDAN MEN'S CLUB

As a brotherhood in which all men of the church are members, the St Brendan Men's Club provides fellowship through spiritual, social, and fundraising. Activities include monthly meetings and a variety of events. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Mark your calendars for our next Men's Steak-n-Ale on May 31, 2024! If you are interested in joining the Men's Club, find us in ParishStaq at <https://tinyurl.com/mens-club> and click the "join" button or contact Dale Bruggeman at dgbrugge@gmail.com

ST BRENDAN WOMEN, SMALL GROUP STUDY



As we finish the first season of *The Chosen*, we will take a break and start anew on January 4 with a continued focus on Jesus in the Eucharist. *Dwell: A Study on the Eucharist*, is 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 different aspects of how Jesus changes our lives when we give Him space

to become part of it. He is a lover, nourisher, unifier, healer, and grace for us. Allow Him into your deepest places and unlock a life filled with peace and joy! The study runs Thursday mornings and evenings, January 4-February 8. Register by December 15 at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups or for questions, contact Jen at jrice@stbrendans.net

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS will all meet in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms this Sunday and Monday, Dec 3 & 4, for a service project with Mary's Meals.

CONTINUED GROWTH FAMILY SESSIONS are next week, Dec 10 & 11.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION – Reminder that sponsor letters of good standing are due as soon as possible. We are also happy to receive any other information you may not have known when completing registration.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their first Reconciliation on Saturday! If you were unable to attend the group celebration, please reach out to us. We will help you find a time for your child to make his or her first Confession.

2024 CSYC CAMP REGISTRATION

St Brendan is offering a \$100 campership for the first 100 parishioners for CSYC's 2024 summer camp at Damascus. Register (using discount code **BREHILL24**) at <https://tinyurl.com/register-CYSC>

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) _____

DECEMBER VINE CALENDAR
ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME

DEC 3	Mental Health 6:30-8:30PM, SCHOOL GYM
DEC 10	God's Forgiveness 6:30-8:30PM, DAVIDSON ROOM
DEC 17	Trivia Night 6:30-8:30PM, SCHOOL GYM
DEC 21-23	Cranks Creek Mission Trip CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY (FOOD & TOYS) FOR 700+ KENTUCKY FAMILIES IN NEED DONATIONS & CHAPERONES NEEDED - VINE PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

THE Vine

Email kday@stbrendans.net for details or follow @stbvine on instagram

2nd Sundays
6:30-8:30 PM
in the Gym

Youth Nights The Roots

Dec 10	How Do I Pray for Others?
Jan 14	Where Is Jesus Now?
March 10	Made in His Image
April 14	Anxiety, Stress and Peace
May 19	End-of-the-Year-Party

FOOD SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!
Sign up at www.stbrendans.net/the-roots
Questions? Contact Avery: acolman@stbrendans.net

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ST CHARLES HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following St Brendan parishioners who are students at St Charles Preparatory School and who attained Honor Roll status for the 1st quarter:

Student Name	Grade	Honor
Ivan Canas-Heredia	11	4.0+
Malcolm D'Souza	12	4.0+
Mauricio Lahera-Castillo	11	4.0+
Dillon Miller	12	4.0+
Maximiliano Paxton	10	4.0+
Donovan Timm	11	4.0+
Nathaniel DeLuca	10	Honor
William Howard	9	Honor
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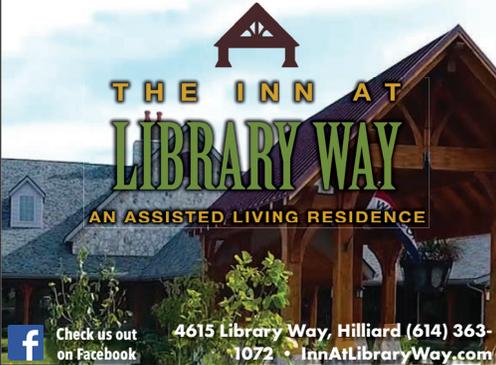
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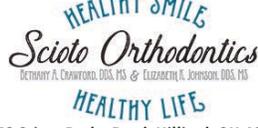


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