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Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

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.



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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.*

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS, JAN 1-7

MON	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
TUES	Memorial of Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
WED	Optional Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus
THUR	Memorial of St Elizabeth Ann Seton
FRI	Memorial of St John Neumann
SAT	Optional Memorial of St André Bessette
SUN	Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS, JAN 1-7

MON	9:00 AM	Lucille Baggs
TUES	6:30 AM	Michael Anthony Davis
	8:00 AM	Tommy McCarroll
WED	6:30 AM	Robert Bickis, Jr
	5:30 PM	Bill Weber
THUR	6:30 AM	Luanne Janusz
	8:00 AM	Residents of Hilliard Area Nursing Homes
FRI	6:30 AM	Luanne Janusz
	8:00 AM	Mary Jo Ritzenthaler
SAT	8:00 AM	Catechumens Preparing for Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Jeannie Damron
SUN	7:15 AM	People of St Brendan Parish
	8:45 AM	Eugene Chervenak
	10:45 AM	Nile Bowman
	5:30 PM	Charles Destefani

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM – 10 PM
WED	7 AM – 5 PM
	<i>Holy Hour: 6 – 7 PM, Confessions available</i>
THUR	9 AM – 10 PM
FRI	9 AM – 10 PM
	<i>1st Friday of each month: 9 AM – Saturday 1 PM</i>
SAT	9 AM – 1 PM



FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next Perpetual Adoration is Friday, January 5, 9 AM through Saturday, January 6, 1 PM. Adorers are needed, so please sign up at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

Our deacons lead First Friday Evening Prayer in the Adoration Chapel the first Friday of each month. The next one will be Friday, January 5, 7 PM. Please join us and come ready to pray!

SAINT BRENDAN 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

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

KOLLAR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you and your families had a Holy and Blessed Christmas and wish you all a Peaceful New Year!

A couple weeks ago, we published in the bulletin the *2022-23 Parish Financial Impact Report* – a summary of our financials for this past fiscal year (view it at www.stbrendans.net/stewardship). As you can see from the report, our parish is doing well. Your bountiful giving allowed us to pay off the ONE Campaign expansion in just four years. Father and I are very grateful for your continued generosity and for your faithfulness to fulfill your campaign pledges, allowing the expansion of our parish campus to be a huge success. THANK YOU!

In addition to the payoff, your financial support enabled an important aspect of managing our parish. Working with your input, Father, Kate (our school principal), Home and School, and the Finance Committee, were able to designate funds to further enhance and maintain campus capital improvements as part of our yearly operating budget. Just as with your own finances, we never know what can happen in the future, so we try to plan ahead for things that could go wrong and were able to make those types of improvements as well. Through careful planning, St Brendan Parish was able to position and manage \$490,755 in capital improvements over the last year.

PROJECTS COMPLETED LAST YEAR:

HVAC/new doors/regular maintenance	\$ 88,677
Restoration of the sanctuary flooring	\$ 40,665
Replace flooring of school classrooms (H&S)	\$ 48,493
Lighting of some school classrooms	\$ 47,059
Replace rooftop units	\$ 51,167
Replacement of baptismal font	\$ 14,910
Enhance parish office security	\$ 28,662
Enhanced parish controlled access	\$ 30,794
New asphalt patching/stripping	\$ 65,258
Organ and risers	\$ 46,808
Painting church	\$ 28,262
Total	\$490,755

I am very grateful for our operations staff here at St Brendan:

Ben Romaker, Julie Matheny, Dina Harder, Teresa Boyne, Jill Butler, Clara Herr, Lee Salcone, Kaylee Parsons, Chris Morris, Mike Gill, Ross Myers, and John Bettinger

A special thanks as well to our Finance Council members:

Wilma D'Souza, Averel Meden, Bob Cozzarelli, Al Crock, Martin Mitchell, and Mike Monfredi

I truly appreciate all of their help in caring for our financial needs and carrying out the processes to attain our goals, knowing that I could never perform those tasks alone. We are so blessed to have such a talented and generous group of people in our parish family.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure continues to bear fruit here at St Brendan's and in the building up of God's Kingdom here on earth!



I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all of you who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the multitude of liturgies this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special "thank you" to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish, especially to those who work quietly and diligently behind the scenes.

This weekend, during the Feast of the Holy Family, we come together to celebrate as one big parish family. As we continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let's strive to share with each other that same level of mercy that God abundantly shares with each of us. Whatever the circumstances are in your life right now – grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt – Jesus has lived it Himself, and longs to live it with you. Choose life with Jesus! Let Him be born again in your heart. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created.

Let's make an effort to carry the sentiment of the Christmas season into the New Year as we contemplate our resolutions. May we strive to become more active and involved in the life of the parish – sharing our time and talents with our faith family who can be impacted by God's love that burns within us. After all, that's what God did for us on that very first Christmas when He sent us a human vessel of His love, Jesus Christ, to spread that love and light throughout the world.

In closing, my prayer is that you, your families and your homes be filled with much Peace, Joy and Love, now and in the new year to come.

God Bless,

Tom Kollar
Business Manager at St Brendan Parish

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



To the family of Edwin Sese

NEW YEAR'S MASS & SOLEMNITY OF MARY

NEW YEAR'S EVE, SUN, DEC 31

Usual Sunday Mass schedule.
(No Coffee and Donuts)

NEW YEAR'S DAY, MON, JAN 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – 9 AM Mass

(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

- No 6:30 AM or 5:30 PM Masses
- Parish office is closed Jan 1

LIVESTREAM MASS

FACEBOOK

facebook.com/
StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/

YOUTUBE

SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard
Sunday - 10:45 AM
Mon, Wed - 5:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat - 8 AM

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

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School: St Brendan School

INSTAGRAM

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

INCENSE SCHEDULE

See the thurible icon on the calendar to the right to learn which Mass time incense will be utilized next weekend or view this month's schedule below:

December 31	10:45 AM Mass
January 7	5:30 PM Mass
January 14	10:45 AM Mass
January 21	5:30 PM Mass
January 28	10:45 AM Mass



MONDAY, JANUARY 1		
NEW YEAR'S DAY - PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED		
9:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2		
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: Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3		
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	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Mtg Room A
7:00 PM	Young Adult Group	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4		
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
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making	Wellnitz Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
7:00 PM	Women's Scripture Studies PM	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	The Carter Center
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6		
Midnight (1/5)-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7		
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
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptism Prep Class	Wellnitz Mtg Rooms 1 & 2
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym (MPR)
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Meeting	Chas McCurdy Learning Cntr

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
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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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

From Father Bob, Father Weldit, and Father Jacob – We would like to thank all of you for the many cards, gifts, and well wishes for Christmas. This is always a wonderful outpouring of love that we do not take for granted.

Please know that it is a joy for us to be your priests here at St Brendan and to lead you to Jesus Christ!

You and your families remain in our prayers as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season. May the light of our Newborn King continue to shine on you and through you as we begin a new *Year of Grace, 2024*.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Mens Ministry is starting a new Bible study series January 10. It is a video and discussion produced by the Knights of Columbus called *Into The Breach, The Mission of the Family*. We will meet Tuesday mornings, from 6:30-7:30 AM for 5 weeks. All men of the parish are welcome! Questions? Contact Steve Dungan at sldungan@gmail.com



SATURDAY MEN'S FAITH SHARING – The book *Beautiful Eucharist* will guide a 5-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

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE PRAYER WALL – Place a prayer request with your name or anonymously. You and the person you are praying for can receive an email when someone prays (if requested). Find the *Prayer Wall* button at the bottom of our website home page.

ADORATION CHAPEL – Prayers may be written in the *Intention Book* in the Adoration Chapel or post prayers of thanksgiving inside the Chapel on the *Thank You Prayer Board!*

IN PERSON AND PRAYER EVENTS – Do you need intercessory prayer in person? Attend *Anchored in Adoration* the 2nd Wednesday of each month to pray directly with our prayer teams! Or, join us for *First Friday Evening Prayer* each month, the weekly *Saturday Morning Rosary* (after daily Mass), or attend Adoration in our Chapel Tuesday–Saturday.



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! Visit www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr at 614-315-7466 or Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 8



Join us for the *Catholic Way Bible Study's* 5-week series on the *Book of Daniel*. Deported into exile as a youth, Daniel stands as the example of steadfast faithfulness in the face of danger. Explore how to live "in" the world but not "of" the world, as Daniel did. The group will meet in Wellnitz Hall on Mondays, 9-11 AM, January 8 through February 5. There are weekly questions

to answer that deepen our faith and knowledge. If interested, please RSVP to Patsy Bunnell at dpbunnell@yahoo.com by January 5.

ANY CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE?

Have you moved, switched from your landline to a cell phone, baptized your baby somewhere other than St Brendan or gotten married recently? Please take a moment to update it in your ParishStaq account or send your current information to Dina Harder at dharder@stbrendans.net



A MORNING OF REFLECTION

January 13, 10 AM-12 PM, 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 St in Columbus for breakfast (including the Sisters' baked goods!), reflections by Father Stash Dailey and one of our leaders, followed by prayer and song with the Sisters! Carpooling available. Cost is \$10. Register at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

When this Solemnity falls on a Monday, as is the case this year, the obligation to attend this Mass is abrogated (abolished/removed). Regardless, we hope you will still consider joining us for this special Mass dedicated to honoring Mary, here at St Brendan's on Monday, January 1, 9 AM in the Church.



HOW WE MANAGE SNOW ON CAMPUS

Our negotiated snow contract stipulates that our parking lot is plowed only if we reach TWO INCHES or more of snowfall and is pre-treated only if it is not raining (the rain would simply wash it away). The parish facilities team will be responsible for keeping the walkways cleared. When weather is inclement, please be careful when walking around the campus as it may be slippery in places.

Parish activities remain open if we are at a Level 1 Snow Emergency, but people should carefully consider whether they can safely reach the campus and attend events. If a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared, the entire campus closes, including Mass and all events. We will alert you via ParishStaq Communications and social media if this happens. School parents will be alerted by FACTS communications of any school closures or delays.

The Parish office remains open during regular hours, unless we reach a Level 2 Snow Emergency, in which case, the office will close.

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CONFERENCES

Both men's and women's 2024 conferences are dedicated to the Glory and Beauty of the Eucharist. The Women's Conference on Saturday, February 17, features speakers Heather Khym, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Fr John Burns, Claire Dwyer, Fr Timothy Anastos, and the Emcee is our very own Director of Missionary Discipleship, Jen Rice! The Men's Conference on February 24, features speakers Chris Stefanick, John Edwards, and Fr Burke Masters. Both events include Mass, religious organizations, Adoration and plenty of food and fellowship. For details or to register, visit www.columbuscatholicwomen.com or www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

BAPTISMAL FONT BLESSING

Our new Baptismal Font, which was recently installed in the church, was blessed during the School Mass by Bishop Earl K. Fernandes on December 20.



We hope that you received our Christmas gift to you of *Beautiful Eucharist* – a collection of ponderings on the Eucharist by contemporary Catholic writers. We continue to highlight some of the inspirations you will find in its pages...

"It dawned on me that either we truly were crazy as Catholics in worshiping, adoring, and consuming bread as 'the Body of Christ,' or it had to actually be the real thing. There could be no in-between. This is not a 'This is true for you, but not for me' situation. It either isn't Jesus or it really is, and the Eucharist is truly the Bread of Life. It's a situation akin to what C.S. Lewis called the 'Trilemma': Jesus Christ was either a 1) liar, a 2) lunatic, or 3) Lord. We can't have Jesus as a 'nice teacher' who also claims to be God in His ability to forgive sins, rise from the dead, and declare that you must eat His flesh to have eternal life." – Bobby Angel

"But there were so many Christian denominations. Which one was real? I determined to start investigating by visiting all my Christian friends' different churches. But wait. Why not start with the Catholic Church? OK. What makes the Catholic Church different from all the other Christian churches? The Most Blessed Sacrament. It wasn't like each Christian church was claiming: "No! He's in our box! We have Him!" They didn't even have boxes. Sooo... if Jesus was truly present in the tabernacles of Catholic churches all over the world, then this was His Church, and I needed to stop disbelieving and fighting against many of her other doctrines." – Sister Helena Burns, FSP

"We all have questions that we need answered, and we all need advice from time to time. But when we need advice we tend to ask people who know just about nothing about nothing, instead of going to the man who has all the answers. All the answers are in the tabernacle. Jesus has all the answers and he patiently waits for us in the tabernacle, day and night, to share those answers with us. Next time you are grappling with a decision stop by your church and ask Jesus for his advice. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is the ultimate spiritual experience, but there is also something powerful about just sitting in his presence." – Matthew Kelly

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!
No POD nursery this Sunday, Dec 31 for 10:45 AM Mass, (unless some last minute volunteers sign up!)
Volunteer by scanning 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



Jan 7 What is My Purpose?

Jan 14 True Freedom

Jan 21 Men's/Women's Night

Jan 28 Crazy Fun Super Night

Follow @stbvine on Instagram or Email kday@stbrendans.net for more information



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

Youth Nights 

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

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Questions? Contact Avery: acolman@stbrendans.net

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POWER SHACK GYM

December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

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

St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world." In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it's worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it's tempting to think, "well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?" let's remember we are celebrating the Feast of the HOLY Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were *holy*. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St Teresa spoke. They gave to God first - in today's Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was "filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

GO EVANGELIZE

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What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a *holy* family is not unattainable. St John Paul II once said: "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth." (2001) In other words, God's will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let's make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let's try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.

PRAY Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*

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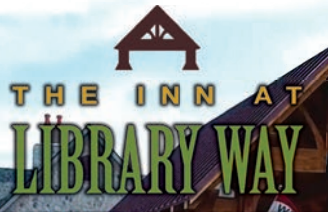
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