

ASH WEDNESDAY

2/22

MASS TIMES

7 AM

12 PM

5:30 PM



OUR VISION – Become who you were created to be
OUR MISSION – St Brendan Parish is your home to encounter Jesus and grow in virtue

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	8 AM, 5:30 PM
SUNDAY	7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM
DAILY	5:30 PM – MON & WED 8 AM – TUES, THURS, FRI

RECONCILIATION TIMES

WEDNESDAY	6-7 PM (during Adoration)
SATURDAY	9 AM

Parishioners can schedule a confession appointment with Fr Bob or Fr Brown by calling the office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at 12 PM on most Sundays. Two baptismal preparation classes are required. Visit stbrendans.net/baptism to schedule a baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Brown at frbrown@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272 ext 226

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OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI, 9 AM-4 PM

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SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours

The church is open weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM.
The Parish Office is open weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! To request a new member packet, please call **614.876.1272**, email receptionist@stbrendans.net or visit stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marketing & Bulletin Requests

Our Marketing/Bulletin Request form is available at stbrendans.net/marketing. Please read all the information to find deadlines for each media platform being requested. For questions, or to send artwork, email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, please mail in your request to the Parish Office. The amount set by the diocese is **\$10**, due when the request is made.

Flowers for the Altar

If you wish to purchase flowers in remembrance of a loved one or special intention, the cost is **\$75**. Requests are published in the bulletin.

Baptism Preparation Class

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM. Our new program requires two classes. See website for dates and details. For questions, contact baptism@stbrendans.net

Ministry of Care for our Homebound

Contact **Jennifer: 614.876.1272, ext 227** or jrice@stbrendans.net if you would like to receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility.

Protecting God's Children Class

Register online at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

The nursery is open most Sundays during 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News or Liturgy Aids

Keep updated on parish events by subscribing to Navigator News available through ParishStaq. Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com to create an account and you will automatically receive our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials and bulletin emailed to you weekly visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids and fill out the form.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>

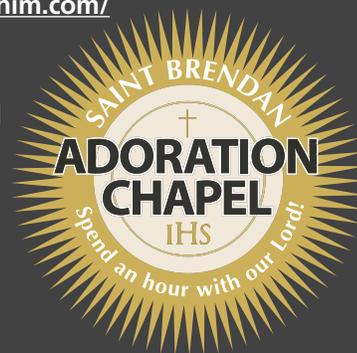
TUESDAY 9 AM-9 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 AM-7 PM
HOLY HOUR 6-7 PM

THURSDAY 9 AM-9 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM-9 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM-1 PM



MASS INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 20-26

MONDAY	5:30 PM	Richard Seipel
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Marilyn Jane Radich
WEDNESDAY	7:00 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	12:00 PM	Irene Solsa & Family
	5:30 PM	Intention of Jack & Kathy Nieberding
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Carolyn Serna
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	Eric Faris
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Carolyn Serna
	5:30 PM	Diana Evans
SUNDAY	7:15 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	8:45 AM	Keith Roller
	10:45 AM	James Bornhorst
	5:30 PM	Michele Rubright

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB 22

FEB 19 – RETURN LAST YEAR'S PALMS



We need them to make this year's ashes! Look for the baskets in the church gathering space.

FEB 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday, February 22, Mass times are 7 AM, 12 PM, and 5:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed to everyone at all Masses.

FEB 24 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will be offering Stations of the Cross on Fridays beginning February 24 through March 31 at 7 PM in the church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!

If you are a liturgical minister (Altar Server, Welcomer, Usher, Lector, EMHC) and can volunteer to serve on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 7 AM, 12 PM or 5:30 PM, please log in to your Ministry Scheduler Pro account and sign up for a time at www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans or we can sign you up - email us at ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net

A MESSAGE FROM FR BROWN

When I was in seminary, it was fairly common that we would hear our formators tell us to never make any discernment decisions about the priesthood during the month of February. The reason should be obvious: **PEOPLE ARE EXHAUSTED WITH WINTER!**



February can be a challenging month for many and out of curiosity for more reasons of why that is, I Googled "Why is February so depressing" and was amazed to find a website that actually listed 19 reasons why February is the worst month! Here are some highlights (some are kinda funny):

1. Snow isn't exciting anymore
2. If you live somewhere without snow, you're sick of hearing people who have snow complain
7. Everyone is in a bad mood
8. For some, their future happiness becomes based on whether or not a rodent sees its shadow
12. You've watched everything you're excited about on Netflix
13. You're tired of eating soup
17. You're tired of wearing winter clothes
18. You know you still have to deal with March when warm weather isn't guaranteed

Whether or not some of these are actual reasons to not like February, I don't know. Thankfully though, Lent begins this Wednesday... That might sound strange given that Lent is a time of fasting as well as increasing our prayer and charitable works (as if we have any energy left to exhaust!), but it's actually convenient because it gives us a reason to redirect our focus from everything that we could/want to complain about, to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Once we put that reality before our eyes, then everything else that we want to complain about just seems petty when considering that Christ never once complained during His suffering that led to His death. I mean, what's worse: Getting tired of eating soup or getting tired of shouldering the cross? What's worse: Getting tired of wearing winter clothes or having all of them removed and hanging on a cross without any? Lent gives us a chance to redirect our focus onto what is eternally important. It gives us a chance to call to mind our desired destination which puts everything we do and how we've been living into perspective. It comes at a perfect time for us because there is meaning within suffering if it is united to the Cross and offered up to God. The purpose of penance during this season is not to make life more difficult, but to strip away whatever barriers that we have put up between us and God. Think of it as an early spring-cleaning of the soul...

God bless you this Lent and always ~ Fr Brown



PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE AND SACRED ART

Join us for our next Lord, Teach Us series: **Praying with Scripture & Sacred Art** on Monday, February 27, 10 AM or 7 PM in Wellnitz. We will learn the basics of Lectio Divina and Visio Divina (sacred seeing), and practice them together using Scripture and sacred artwork. No RSVP needed, just come with a desire to pray!

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

ST JOSEPH ICON AT ST BRENDAN!

The St Brendan Knights of Columbus Council is honored to bring the traveling pilgrim icon of St Joseph to St Brendan March 6 -11. The icon will reside in the Adoration Chapel. All are invited to pray for St Joseph's intercession in preserving,



Pilgrim Icon Program

cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations. We give thanks to God for the gift of St Joseph's fatherly example and ask him to be a father to us as we seek to grow in our own imitation of his quiet strength, integrity and fidelity. A prayer service in honor of St Joseph will take place in the church on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 PM.

The Columbus Diocese
40 DAYS OF ADORATION
begins Ash Wednesday.
(St Brendan's day/times
are March 8, 8 AM -7 PM)
This week's schedule is:



		START	END
2/22	ASH WEDNESDAY, St. Joseph Cathedral	8:00 AM	8:00 PM
	ASH WEDNESDAY, Church of the Holy Trinity	7:00 AM	9:00 PM
23	St. Mary of the Assumption - Lancaster	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
21	St. Mary, Portsmouth Our Lady of Perpetual Help	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	7:00 PM 9:00 PM
25	St. Matthew the Apostle - Gahanna	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
26	St. Matthew the Apostle - Gahanna	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
27	St Mark St Joan of Arc	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	9:00 PM 5:00 PM
28	St. Joseph, Circleville	7:30 PM	12:00 AM

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Miles Joseph Selegue

ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST



If you would like us to pray for a loved one who is hospitalized or ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, email bulletin@stbrendans.net. If you would like our parish community to pray for you/a loved one, for a reason other than illness or military, visit www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer/.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Jim Logue
Mary Brake	Jane Lumen
Chris Carrino	Mary Pat Marchion
Chuck Destefani	Joe Martin
Mary Jo Flickinger	Becky Moyer
Mary Frick	Brent Shonkwiler
Bob Kienle	Mitzie Toth

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop	Kaden Morris
Sam Imwalle	Alec Moyer
Christopher Keck	Rick Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	Rob Shonkwiler
Jackson Maassel	

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

FEBRUARY ENVELOPES

Supply chain and labor shortages have created a slow draw on production and shipping for our weekly offering envelope supplier, requiring them to suspend production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelope supply will resume by the first Sunday in March. In the meantime, substitute envelopes that you may use are available in the church gathering space.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Family Faith Formation, Grades 6-8 Small Group	Multiple Locations

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Diocesan Collection: J.O.I.N.

7:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM	Mass: Ash Wednesday	Church
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	No Adoration or Confessions	Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Rescue Project AM Session	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
4:00 PM	Class – Iconography	Maroon Center
6:30 PM	Rescue Project PM Session	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 Diocesan Collection: Black and Indian Missions

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Catholic Men's Conference	OFF-SITE: Ohio Expo Center, Kasich Hall
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	The Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Church
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul: Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 Diocesan Collection: Black and Indian Missions

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
8:45 & 10:45 AM	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
8:45 & 10:45 AM	Children's Liturgy of The Word	Adoration Chapel
After 8:45, 10:45 AM Masses	Coffee and Donuts	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	Faith Formation Volunteer Formation	The Carter Center
6:30 PM	ROOTS Core Team Formation	OFF-SITE
6:30 PM	Sunday VINE	Multipurpose Room
7:00 PM	Care & Consolation: Grief Support Workshop	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A

The 26th Annual
**CATHOLIC
 MEN'S CONFERENCE**
**CALLED
 TO BE**
SAINTS
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

† **Saturday | February 25**
 † **Kasich Hall | Ohio Expo Ctr**

FOLLOW:
   

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com



EASTER LILIES FOR THE ALTAR

Easter lilies have been ordered for the altar. Contributions of **\$10** per lily 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 this form to: 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026 – OR – drop off form and checks at the parish office. You can also request lilies by filling out the online form found in ParishStaQ or at tinyurl.com/lilies-for-altar

Orders received by **March 30** will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Late orders received will be added to a later bulletin.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR:

In Memory of: _____

~OR~ Special Intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____ Number of Plants (\$10 ea.) _____

Total amount enclosed (# of plants x \$10 =) \$ _____

Seniors **NOW** 
 NAVIGATING OUR WAY

Seniors NOW is a group for parishioners age 65+ who get together each month for Mass, parish events, meals and more.

JOIN US MARCH 3, 8 AM

1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Rd. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass. (No RSVP)

MARCH 10 BLOOD DRIVE



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1-7 PM

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, March 10, 1-7 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. For questions, please contact Jeff Lehr at 614.315.7466 or Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR J.O.I.N.

JOIN, (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs) is an agency of the Diocese's Catholic Charities Office located at 578 E Main Street in downtown Columbus. Sharing God's love with our neighbors, sharing His word by caring for our brothers and sisters as He told us to do are the blessings



we impart daily. This allows us to serve the whole person, body and soul. Through the generosity of people throughout our Diocese, JOIN is able to help our neighbors with their essential needs such as food, personal care, household items and diapers. We can also assist with intricate needs such as prescriptions, utilities, birth certificates and transportation. We recognize the necessity of family and that family love is a vocation. Attaining self-sufficiency is important, nurturing family love is a vital way of sustaining a family within its own household and building on that foundation.

St Brendan Parish has been a great ally to JOIN. We are grateful for your generosity in previous years through your **Ash Wednesday Collection**. On behalf of all of us here at JOIN, and from the neighbors we serve, thank you for all you do through your ministries that serve our brothers and sisters. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or feel free to call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, at any time, 614-241-2530 or lkeita@columbuscatholic.org To make an online donation to JOIN, scan the QR code or go to: <https://ppay.co/XtcGCFhuRE>



FEBRUARY 26 – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for support from fellow parishioners? Join us for our monthly grief workshop on Sunday, February 26 at 7 PM in Davidson Rd Meeting Room A. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com or 614.946.8099

TIP #6 – CREATE A NEW PRAYER HABIT

MAKE A PRAYER SPACE IN YOUR HOME

"If you walk through our home, you'll see many pieces of religious art. Having something we can see and even touch helps engage us with our faith. Transform a table with the simple addition of a beautiful tablecloth. Adding your family's favorite books about the faith will draw everyone in and make spiritual reading easy to choose. Make prayer accessible by hanging your rosaries on hooks or putting them out in a bowl. Find a simple print or statue of Our Lady that you love to hang in your home. Let the sight of it remind you to stop and chat with her throughout your day. Let your children carve out their own prayer spaces. In our home, each child has a little cubby corner in our library that they call their own. They have each chosen an image of Jesus or Mary along with a few faith-based books and holy cards and are often found in their prayer spaces looking at books and chatting with Jesus and Mary." — *Colleen Pressprich, Mother of four, Catholic author*



PRAY THE ROSARY ON SATURDAYS

Join the St Brendan Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary each week immediately following Saturday 8 AM Mass. Free "Guide to Praying the Rosary" pamphlets are available in the gathering space for those who would like one.



SIGN UP FOR ADORATION THIS LENT!

Help us grow our hours of Adoration by signing up for a commitment to adore. You will be glad you started this amazing prayer habit! Check our needs sheet outside of the chapel and then sign up on the kiosk or visit stbrendan.weadorehim.com/ Need help? Email Jan at jansampson@me.com

MARCH 4 – SCHOOL AUCTION & DINNER



RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

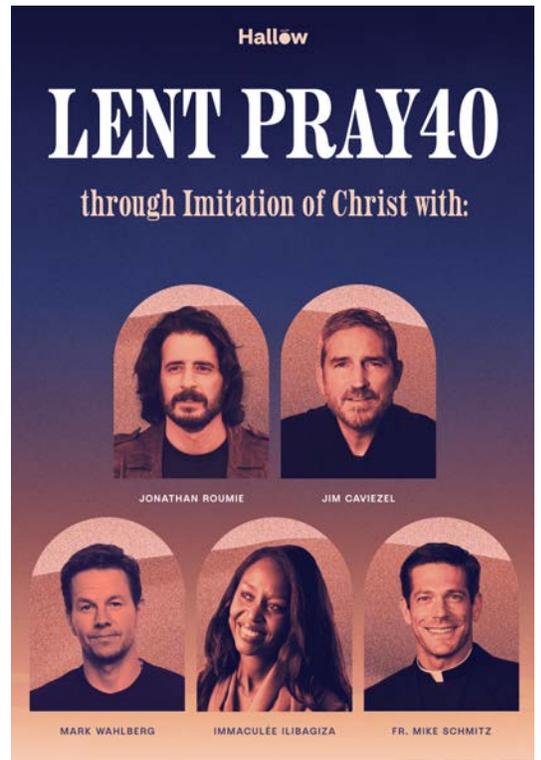
Tickets for our School Auction and Dinner are now sold out but our 50/50 raffle tickets are still available at \$20 each with a \$5,000 prize, available at stb2023.givesmart.com. Raffle tickets will also be sold after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses Feb 19 (or scan the QR code).

PLEASE HELP OUT!

Personal/corporate donations, sponsorships



and volunteer opportunities are all listed on our web page at www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction/ Questions? Contact Joy Bair at 614-325-5127 or jbair1@cdeducation.org. To contact one of our auction team members, email sbauction@cdeducation.org



LENT PRAY40 ON HALLOW

Follow inspirational Christians to guide you in the 3 Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and giving. Pray40 on Hallow weekly schedule:

- Sunday - Homilies with Fr Mike Schmitz
- Monday - Meditation on Imitation of Christ: Jonathan Roumie and Jim Caviezel
- Tuesday - Devotional prayer with Immaculée Ilibagiza
- Wednesday - Meditation on Imitation of Christ: Jonathan Roumie and Jim Caviezel
- Thursday - Silent Prayer with Jonathan Roumie and Jim Caviezel
- Friday - Fasting Motivation: Mark Wahlberg
- Saturday - Giving challenges: Mother Olga



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A FREE LENT OFFERING ON FORMED!

Set to release on Ash Wednesday, *Fearless* will help you make this Lent impactful and spiritually fruitful. This seven-part series features a special weekly guest as you follow Jesus into the wilderness and is available by visiting www.formed.org

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

All families should have received the Root box and parent series book at the faith formation sessions a couple weeks ago. If you haven't, please reach out to faithformation@stbrendans.net. As well, middle school small groups resumed last Sunday and Monday. Students will continue to meet in their same small groups and locations.

All families should have received a link to complete payment for the Faith Formation program. If you have additional questions, and/or need to arrange a payment plan, contact Jamie Young at jyoung@stbrendans.net

In December, Bonnie Creeger moved on from her position in the parish office. Please send future emails regarding faith formation and sacrament prep to faithformation@stbrendans.net and sacraments@stbrendans.net

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

1ST RECONCILIATION

If you missed the first reconciliation service, please reach out to Jacob (jdoran@stbrendans.net) for help scheduling a confession with one of our priests. All faith formation families should have picked up a *Nourish* box to begin preparation for first Eucharist.

CONFIRMATION

In order for your teen(s) to receive this Sacrament in the Spring, they must have been Baptized as well as received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/Eucharist. They must also be registered in our St Brendan Faith Formation program or School. If you haven't already, please complete the Sacrament registration form ASAP - once you complete it, you will receive the link to make your payment. For more info, visit stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens/

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ST BRENDAN SPRING SPORTS



REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 28

Spring sports include soccer, baseball, softball, track or Little Spikers (with registration open until April 15). Register on the athletics webpage at <https://www.stbrendans.net/athletics/athletics-registration/>

THE BEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 27 – The Ben Smith "You Can Make a Difference" Scholarship provides a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to a senior student graduating from a Hilliard high school or is an active member of St Brendan Parish pursuing a degree to help individuals with special needs. To apply visit <https://grants.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships/ben-smith-you-can-make-a-difference-scholarship/> The Catholic Foundation's applications for Scholarships closes on February 27. Questions? Contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org

COFFEE & DONUTS

A GREAT MINISTRY FOR FAMILIES!

Sign up your family to help out before and after the 8:45/10:45 AM Masses. Teach children the joy they can receive while serving others while also supporting Coffee and Donuts! To sign up, scan the QR code or contact Deacon Yglesias at deaconyglesias@stbrendans.net



REWARD PROGRAMS

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM IS ENDING

We have learned that AmazonSmile Reward program will be ending February 20. You can still earn money for our parish through Kroger Community Rewards or RaiseRight (formerly Scrip). To set up your Kroger Rewards to benefit our parish, visit www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards (use NPO code EP114). For RaiseRight (religious education tuition rewards) for St Brendan School tuition or our Family Faith Formation program fees, visit www.stbrendans.net/school/raiseright/

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday - 10:45 AM
- Monday and Wednesday - 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - 8:00 AM

YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StBrendanHilliard/

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 | 1 Cor 3:16-23 | Mt 5:38-48

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins. I realize in saying it that way, however, it sounds like a warning (“the bookstore will be closing in five minutes, please bring your purchases to the register!”) rather than an acknowledgement of the celebration that it is. So let me put it another way: Today is the 7th - of 33 - Sundays in Ordinary Time this year, which means, we’ve only just begun. We are in some of the earliest days of the Church’s “ordered” (ordinary/numbered) approach to helping us mature and grow in faith. We do this by living with and in the life of Christ over the course of a year. At each step we celebrate the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, but we also set aside different seasons to focus on those specific elements. And so it makes sense that as we approach Lent, we hear more about what exactly God asks of us. Lent will be a season of preparation for Christ’s passion; have we prepared our hearts accordingly to receive him? Today’s readings remind us of what sets us back: hatred for others; desire for revenge; grudges; worldly wisdom; all things which are destructive of God’s temple - our souls, as Saint Paul says. Having a heart full of these things means there is no room for love, which means there is no room for Christ. Let us pray for God’s help in ridding ourselves of all that is destructive, and for the strength to grow a heart only for him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I’d argue that in some ways, Lent actually starts before Ash Wednesday since it requires forethought and planning. We have to prepare for a season of preparation! We have to figure out what to fast from or add to our spiritual lives, and how we might specifically direct our almsgiving. But how ready are we to respond in a meaningful way to the fact that Christ died for love of us? His death transformed our death into the promise of eternal life. Today’s Gospel offers practical actions, things which all Christians should strive for daily, but especially observe during Lent if a spiritual reset is needed. Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek. Hand over your cloak. Go the extra mile: “Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. Lent is a call to act out of love, especially in tough situations. Take these next couple of days to prepare for Ash Wednesday and the weeks that follow.

REFLECT

Spend some time taking stock of your spiritual life. Are you holding contempt for someone, or seeking revenge for something? Where might you be falling short in striving to imitate Christ? Bring these thoughts to God in prayer.



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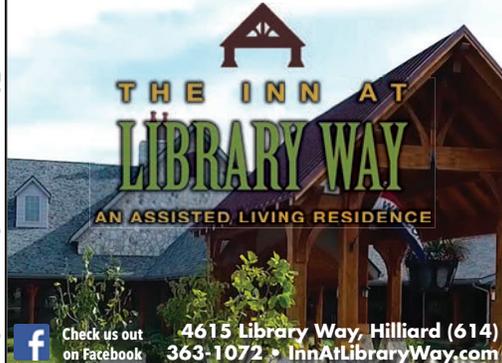
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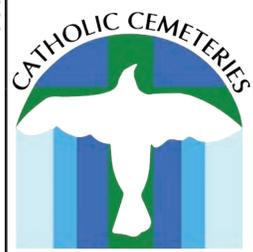
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