

MARCH EVENTS

NEXT ONE IS MARCH
3 STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY @ 7 PM

BEGINS MARCH
6 ST JOSEPH ICON @ ST BRENDAN MARCH 6 - 11

MARCH
7 ST JOSEPH ICON PRAYER SERVICE 6:30 PM

MARCH
8 40 DAYS OF ADORATION @ ST BRENDAN / ANCHORED ANCHORED @ 6 PM / 40 DAYS @ 7 AM - 7 PM

MARCH
20 LORD TEACH US SERIES: PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE 10 AM & 7 PM

FIRST ONE IS MARCH
24 LENTEN FISH FRY MARCH 24 & 31 4:30 - 7 PM

MARCH
27 PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 7 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.

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

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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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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

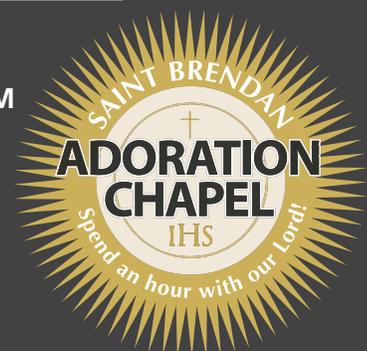
TUESDAY 9 AM-9 PM

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

THURSDAY 9 AM-9 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM-9 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM-1 PM



MASS INTENTIONS, FEB 27 - MARCH 5

MONDAY	5:30 PM	Sandy Barrett
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Frances E. Rouhana
WEDNESDAY	5:30 AM	Intention of The Ross Williams Family
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Marie Povse
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	Fern Coldren
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	The Dolinar & The Hendrix Families
	5:30 PM	Intentions of The Parasida & The Hentz Families
SUNDAY	7:15 AM	Special Intention for Jerry Masty
	8:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	10:45 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	5:30 PM	Dorothy Kridel

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School: **St Brendan School**



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School: **@saintbrendanschool**
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The Roots MS Youth Group: **@stb_the roots**
St Brendan Young Adults: **@stbya**

FEBRUARY OFFERTORY 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.

LENT FOCUS ON PRAYER

...Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.



– Hebrews 12:1-2

Welcome to Lent! We are at the start of a race to get to Easter, shedding anything that keeps us from a relationship with our Lord and keeping our eyes fixed on Him to lead us through these 40 days. As we begin the month of March this week, there are several new opportunities to be supported in our Lenten race.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the church every Friday of Lent at 7 PM, led by our deacons. Walk and pray the path that Jesus walked, connecting to the story and those who played a part.

Beginning March 6, the Knights of Columbus give us the traveling **PILGRIM ICON OF ST JOSEPH**. This beautiful icon will be in the Adoration Chapel through March 11 to ask of his intercession. A prayer service in the church on March 7 at 6:30 PM will honor this beloved saint.

Adoration, Adoration, Adoration!! This month's theme of our year of prayer is **PRAYING IN THE PRESENCE**. The diocese gives us **40 DAYS OF ADORATION** to visit different parishes and take part in their Holy Hours. Some have made that their pilgrimage for Lent! We host the 40 Days on Wednesday, March 8. Adoration will begin in the chapel at our usual 7 AM time, then move to the church at 10 AM. **ANCHORED IN ADORATION** then happens at 6 PM with elevating music, confessions, one of our parishioners giving a testimony of faith, and our prayer team ready to pray for your intentions.

Deacon Doug Yglesias will help us learn more about Adoration and lead our **LORD, TEACH US SERIES** on Monday, March 20 at 10 AM and 7 PM in the chapel. If Adoration is new for you or if you just want to know more of how to pray this sacred hour, please join us. This is the perfect time to commit to an hour to fulfill your "pray" part of the pray-fast-give of Lent!

Lent would not be complete without the opportunity to shed our sins through confession. We will have our **PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** on Monday, March 27 at 7 PM in the church. Many priests will be on hand to bless us with the gift of Reconciliation. If you have not been in a while, now is the time.

Watch the bulletin or visit our Lent web page at www.stbrendans.net/lent-2023 for more ways to pray through these days. Hallow + and Formed continue to be our gift to you and the new content will take your Lent in a new direction. May the Lord be near you and guide your steps through these 40 days!



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!

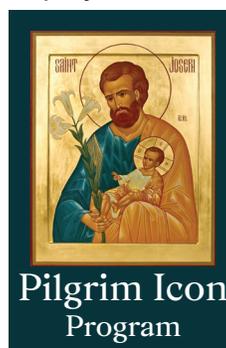
PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

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,



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
began Ash Wednesday.
(St Brendan's day/times
are March 8, 7 AM - 7 PM)
This week's schedule is:



		START	END
3	1 St. Joseph, Circleville	9:30 AM	2:00 PM
2	St. Patrick, London	6:30 PM	8:30 PM
	St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
3	St. Vincent de Paul Parish	5:00 AM	5:15 PM
	St Mary, Marion	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
	Seton Parish	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
	Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville	8:30 AM	6:00 PM
4	St Cecilia Parish	10:30 AM	9:00 PM
	Sacred Hearts, Cardington	9:15 AM	3:15 PM
5	St. Catharine	6:00 AM	12:00 AM
	St. Christopher	9:30 AM	4:00 PM
6	Blessed Sacrament, Newark	8:30 AM	8:00 PM

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OUR
SYMPATHY...



To the family of Kathryn Lazroff

CONGRATULATIONS
ON THE BAPTISM OF
Genevieve Jane Anthony

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

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for the return, back to the Church, of a loved one who has stopped practicing their faith, visit the Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and Inviting Catholics Home team members will find your request and will pray for them.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
10:00 AM	Lord, Teach Us to Pray Series	Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Lord, Teach Us to Pray Series	Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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, MARCH 1

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Adoration: Confessions Available	Church
6:30 PM	KofC Assembly 2727: Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:15 PM	Youth Ministry: High School Missionary Formation	Chas McCurdy Learning Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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
10:00 AM	SVDP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
4:00 PM	Class – Iconography	Maroon Center
6:30 PM	Rescue Project PM Session	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
6:30 PM	The Avow Group	The Carter Center
6:30 PM	The Melchizedek Project	The Parish Office

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	The Carter Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
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	The Prayer Shawl Ministry	The Carter Center
5:00 PM	St Brendan School Dinner and Auction	Multipurpose Room
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
6:30 PM	ASPEN Small Group Sunday	Chas McCurdy Learning Center
6:30 PM	Faith Formation 6-8 Small Group Sunday	Multiple Locations
6:30 PM	Sunday VINE	Multipurpose Room
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts: Akela Meeting	The Carter Center

Seniors NOW is a St Brendan social ministry for mature (65+) adults where members share their faith. We invite you (singles, married, divorced) to come and join us!

MARCH 3, FRIDAY, 8 AM 1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Rd. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass. (No RSVP)

MARCH 13, MONDAY, 12 PM
 El Vaquero, 1780 Hilliard Rome Rd, Hilliard. RSVP Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com or 614-264-6925

GRIEF SUPPORT

Looking for support from fellow parishioners? Join us for our monthly grief workshop this Sunday, February 26 at 7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Room A. Questions? Please contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com or 614-946-8099

MEMORIAL BRICKS

St Brendan KofC Council 11208 invites you to memorialize your loved ones by having an engraved brick placed at the base of the Ten Commandments monument on our St Brendan campus. To request a memorial brick, visit tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick and fill out the form. Donation suggestion is \$50 per brick. Paper forms are also available in the parish office. Questions? Contact Jim at jim.cogan71@gmail.com

MARCH 10 BLOOD DRIVE



American Red Cross
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

SCHOOL AUCTION & DINNER IS MARCH 4



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!
 Volunteer opportunities are still available to help make our School Auction and Dinner a success. Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4faaa623aaf9-nashville#

RAFFLE TICKETS Our 50/50 raffle tickets are now all sold out! Thank you to all who purchased them!

PERSONAL DONATIONS If you didn't drop off your items yet, please drop them off March 2 or 3 in the school drop-off/pick-up line or to the school or parish office during the day. Email sbauction@cducation.org with your item information and picture if you haven't already.

SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS Our silent auction opens up for bidding this weekend (and the live auction as well, for you to preview items). Please visit www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction to find the link to view the items. The silent auction is available to all, however, the live auction is for in-person bidding only. If you are not attending the auction but would like to bid on a live auction item, email Joy Bair at jbair1@cducation.org by 5 PM, Friday, March 3, to have a proxy bidder bid for you on auction night.



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 =) \$ _____

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ST GABRIEL CATHOLIC RADIO

DEACONS YGLESIAS AND MORRIS WILL BE ON THE RADIO!

Join over 30 deacons, including Deacons Yglesias and Morris for a live, three-day marathon radio event Wednesday, March 15 through Saturday March 18 during the St Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 Spring Spirit Drive! Listen to both deacons on the radio on March 16 at the following times:

- Deacon Doug Yglesias' time slot is 8:30 AM-9:15 AM
- Deacon Jim Morris' time slot is 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

Make a donation during their visit to give them additional chances to increase their Basketball score and win a medal. For more information about the Spirit Drive or to donate to St Gabriel Catholic radio, visit StGabrielRadio.com or call 614-459-4820



MEN'S FAITH SHARING & RESCUE PROJECT



Men's Faith Sharing Ministry will be gathering in the Davidson Road Meeting Room A to join The Rescue Project beginning on March 4 at 6:30 AM. Register in ParishStaq forms or visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/88/responses/new

If you have any questions, contact Grant Rice at RiceKris8813@att.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

JANUARY'S BABY SHOWER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Women's Care Center of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry would like to thank St Brendan parishioners for their generous contributions to the Baby Shower held last month. The approximate market value of all baby shower items collected came to \$9,252. The St Brendan Knights of Columbus were also able to present a check for \$8,199 to the Women's Care Center of Columbus from the monetary donations collected. Many women in and around Columbus will surely benefit from your generosity! Items donated from St Brendan parishioners included:

- 5,092 diapers (approx 250 packs)
- 43 packs of wipes
- 552 items of clothing
- 27 bottles of baby lotion
- 16 bottles of shampoo/wash
- 8 blankets
- 46 baby bottles
- Plus, many handmade burp cloths and other baby items



HALLOW – LENT FOR KIDS

Learn and pray with Brother Francis this Lent. With several different seasons available to watch, Brother Francis will help children learn more about what Lent is all about and why it is so important. Brother Francis' Daily Meditations are new episodes released every day. You can also join Brother Francis in praying a special Stations of the Cross for children!



As a reminder, all St Brendan parishioners can enjoy a free subscription to Hallow now through Easter by scanning the QR code above (or visit hallow.com) and then type "St Brendan the Navigator" or our zip code into the search bar.

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In this episode of Sacred Art, Dr Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp take a look at Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost. They discuss the painting's Baroque style, Mary's relationship with the Holy Spirit, and more! Consider watching this episode before or after attending our next Lord, Teach Us series: **Praying with Scripture and Sacred Art** on Monday, February 27 at 10 AM or 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall!

All St Brendan parishioners can enjoy a free subscription to Formed by visiting signup.formed.org and typing "St Brendan the Navigator" into the search bar.

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Maggie Agra will be joining the Evangelization & Catechesis team over the next few months, so you may start to receive emails from her requesting information to help us prepare for the Sacrament liturgies in the spring. She is a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville who will do some remote administrative work until May, when she will start in our office full-time. Her email is magra@stbrendans.net

Before our next family sessions on March 12 & 13, please complete family meetings 2 & 3 at home. As well, you should read parts 3 & 4 of the parent series. If you still need to pick up the Root materials, please contact faithformation@stbrendans.net as soon as possible.

Our next middle school small groups will be March 5 & 6. Our next faith formation family sessions will be March 12 & 13.

Please pray for our middle school youth minister, Madison Stewart, as she will be on maternity leave soon! She and her husband are expecting their first child any day now.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

1ST COMMUNION – Faith formation families: Please complete Nourish family meetings 5 & 6 at home by March 12. All 1st communion families: Look for an email in March regarding our first communion retreat at the end of April. If you need to update any information from your registration form, especially the number of guests for us to expect, please contact sacraments@stbrendans.net

CONFIRMATION – Faith formation families: Please complete Zeal family meeting 5 at home by February 28. All Confirmation families: Please send in any information that you may have not known when registering for Confirmation, such as Confirmation name or sponsor. We do need to receive a letter of good standing from the sponsor's parish if he or she does not attend St. Brendan. As well, remind the sponsor that we like to include a letter from him or her to the candidate with their gift and certificate on Confirmation day. 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 information, please visit stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens/

ST BRENDAN SPRING SPORTS



REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 28

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

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY BY MAY 1 – The St Brendan Athletic Association has established two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to be awarded to one male and one female student to aid them in furthering their education at a Catholic high school. Eighth-grade students who are a member of St Brendan Parish and have participated in a sport offered by the St Brendan Athletic Association are eligible. The student must be planning to attend a Catholic high school in the Columbus Diocese in the fall of 2023. Application deadline is May 1, 2023. Student applicants will need to complete an essay and fill out the form which is available on our Athletics web page by visiting www.stbrendans.net/athletics

MINISTRIES FOR FAMILIES

COFFEE AND DONUTS – Sign up your family to help out before and after the 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses. Teach children the joy received in serving others while also supporting Coffee & Donuts! Scan the QR code or email Deacon Yglesias at deaconyglesias@stbrendans.net



WELCOME MINISTRY – The Welcome Ministry is a great opportunity to model-the-way to our children on how to be a joyful host to others! Children of all ages are able to greet parishioners, open doors, and share their adorable smiles with others. Interested? Scan the QR code or email Sheri at welcoming@stbrendans.net



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February 26, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11

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Let's think about these 40 days. In addition to allowing us to grow in understanding of God, this time is also an opportunity to grow in our understanding of how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world and help to build the kingdom right here and now. How can we keep God at the center of our lives and resist worldly temptations to push him aside? Perhaps today's psalm can help us here: Ask for God's mercy, acknowledge our offenses, seek a "clean heart," renew a "steadfast spirit" within us, and ask God to grant us a "willing spirit" to give him praise. And remember Christ's words from the Gospel: Depend on "every word that comes forth from the mouth of God," which is love and mercy.

PRAY Pray today's psalm: "Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise."



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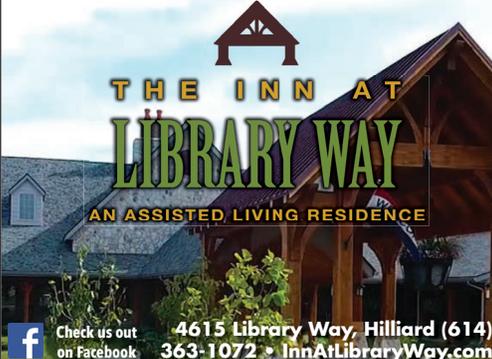
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