

Fourth Week of Lent

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT

8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY

9 AM

Parishioners may schedule an appointment for confession with one of the priests by calling the parish office

OFFICE HOURS

MON-FRI, 9 AM-4 PM

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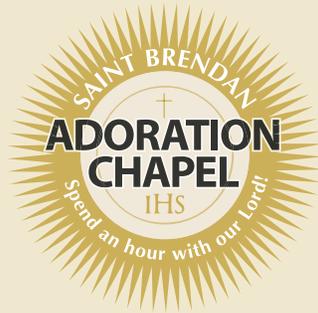
MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 20-26

MON	5:30 PM	Robert J. Berger
TUES	8:00 AM	Wayne Lichwa
WED	5:30 AM	Tom DeVore
THURS	8:00 AM	Marilyn Jane Radich
FRI	8:00 AM	Fern & Edward Coldren
SAT	8:00 AM	David Buoni
	5:30 PM	Frank L. Pe
SUN	7:15 AM	Felicia Loduca
	8:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	10:45 AM	George Wirsy
	5:30 PM	Lee Divittis

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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TUES	9 AM–9 PM
WED	7 AM–7 PM
	<i>Holy Hour 6–7 PM</i>
	<i>Confessions available</i>
THURS	9 AM–9 PM
FRI	9 AM–9 PM
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-4 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 Brown at frbrown@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechisis

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 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 Jennifer 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.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaQ account to automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials & bulletins emailed weekly to you, go to tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids



The Columbus Diocese
40 DAYS OF ADORATION
began Ash Wednesday &
continues throughout Lent.
This week's schedule is:



		START	END
3/21	St. Mary Mother of God German Village	7:00 AM	6:15 PM
22	St. Agatha	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
23	Church of the Resurrection	9:30 AM	9:00 PM
24	St. Mary, Delaware	9:30 AM	3/25 9AM
25	Holy Family Church	9:30 AM	10:00 PM
26	St. Rose of Lima, New Lex.	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
27	St. Thomas	9:00 AM	8:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM FR BOB

Dear Parish Family,

We have been incredibly blessed to have Fr Brown as our Parochial Vicar for the last three years. His hard work, pastoral care and dedication to everything he does is an enormous blessing. Personally, living with Fr Brown has been one of the best experiences of priestly fraternity and friendship in my 27 years of priesthood.



Unfortunately for us, that blessing is now coming to an end. Before he is made a pastor, Fr Brown will need to undertake another, quite different, assignment to that of a large suburban parish. For this reason, the bishop has appointed Fr Brown as the next Parochial Vicar of the Chillicothe Consortium of three parishes effective July 11, 2023.

There will be plenty of time for us to congratulate Fr Brown and to send him forth with our blessings and prayers. You can expect him to preside at the 10:45 AM livestreamed Mass on July 9th as well.

😊 And of course, there has to be a farewell party!

We are already blessed with the arrival of Fr Weldit to help in the parish, but we will also be welcoming a new Parochial Vicar on July 11th. He may look familiar to some of you as he was with us on summer assignment the year before he was made Deacon. His name is Fr Jacob Stinnett and I am looking forward to welcoming him to the parish even as I wave a white handkerchief in farewell to Fr Brown. 😭



Please pray for Fr Brown and Fr Stinnett in their new ministries. Perhaps you could make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in the weeks ahead and then send them one of our "I offered my Holy Hour for you" cards that you can find in the chapel.

God bless ~ Fr Bob *(still across the pond until Wednesday)*

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
No Coffee & Donuts

APRIL 3 RECONCILIATION MONDAY
CONFESSIONS 4-9 PM In the Church

APRIL 5 WEDNESDAY ADORATION
7 AM - 7 PM (No Confession scheduled)

APRIL 6 HOLY THURSDAY
7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
8:30 PM ADORATION
(11:45 PM Night Prayer after Adoration)

APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY
12 PM Mass with general Veneration
7 PM Mass with individual Veneration

APRIL 8 HOLY SATURDAY
No 8 AM Mass
9 AM, BLESSING OF FOOD with Eucharistic Adoration at 9 AM - 1 PM
8 PM, EASTER VIGIL MASS (livestreamed)
No 5:30 PM Mass/POD Nursery/Coffee & Donuts

APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY
MORNING MASS NORMAL SCHEDULE
10:45 AM MASS in the MPR & Church
No 5:30 PM Mass/POD Nursery/Coffee & Donuts

MONDAY, APRIL 10
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED/ NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)

PARISH FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Revenue	Faith Formation			
	Total	Parish	School	
Offertory and Gifts	1,370,858	1,370,858	-	-
Tuition and Fees	1,487,063	-	51,127	1,435,936
Festival	129,877	129,877	-	-
Total Revenue	2,987,797	1,500,734	51,127	1,435,936

Expenses	Faith Formation			
	Total	Parish	School	
Salaries and Benefits	1,867,025	397,846	139,196	1,329,983
Program Costs	214,107	97,297	60,846	55,963
Administrative Costs	215,138	175,457	-	39,681
Utilities, Maint, Other	212,096	150,247	-	61,849
Total Expenses	2,508,366	820,847	200,042	1,487,477
Operating Cash Flow	479,431	679,887	(148,915)	(51,541)

St Brendan Parish and School Income Statement from July 2021 through December 2022 is shown below to the left. Our loan balance (graph) for the One Campaign, as of the end of this past December (2022), is shown directly below.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Connor Bowen Gessells and
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ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends or family **who are hospitalized** or are **ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, please email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. If you would like our parish community to pray for you or a loved one, for a reason other than illness or military, please visit our online Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Bob Kienle
Mary Brake	Doris Kopac
Chris Carrino	Jim Logue
Eugene Chervenak	Jane Lumen
Linda Clark	Mary Pat Marchion
Patricia Crane	Joe Martin
Chuck Destefani	Becky Moyer
Mary Jo Flickinger	Grant Nuss
Mary Frick	Brent Shonkwiler
Don Johnson	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, go to www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer (the Prayer Wall) and ICH will find your request and will pray for them.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
10:00 AM	Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Series	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Family Faith Formation Grades 6-8 Small Group	Multiple Locations
7:00 PM	Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Series	Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 22

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Resue Project	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
6:00 PM	Protecting God's Children Class	Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
6:30 PM	Resue Project	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
4:30 PM-7:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry	Multipurpose Room
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

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	St Vincent de Paul: Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM	Mass (5:30 PM: RCIA 3rd Scrutiny)	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

ST BRENDAN SCOUT SUNDAY

CELEBRATE FAITH & SCOUTING ON MARCH 26

Calling all Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts in the parish! On Sunday, March 26, we will be celebrating Scout Sunday at St Brendan. Please join us in celebrating the importance of Scouting and the role that faith plays in this journey by attending the 8:45 AM Mass with your family. We encourage all Scouts and Leaders to wear their uniform. A religious awards ceremony and reception will be held in the cafeteria after Mass – all are welcome!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US MARCH 26 – Our next grief workshop is Sunday, March 26 at 7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Room A. Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com or 614.946.8099



Seniors NOW is a St Brendan social ministry for mature (65+) adults who share their faith and fellowship. We invite you to join us!

NOTE: APRIL 7, 8 AM Event was cancelled.

APRIL 10, MONDAY, 12 PM – Meet at Grandad's Pizza, 4093 Truman Blvd, Hilliard. RSVP Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com

THIS FRIDAY'S FISH FRY MENU:

Size	Meal	Description	Amount
Adult	Battered Fish	3 Pieces Battered Fish w/4 Sides (3/24 only)	\$ 15.00
	Baked Fish	3 Pieces Baked Fish w/3 Sides	\$ 16.00
	Pizza	3 Slices of Pizza w/2 Sides	\$ 10.00
Sides: Potato w/Butter & Sour Cream, French Fries, Mac & Cheese 4 oz, Bread Rolls & Butter, Container Coleslaw, Green Beans, Container Apple Sauce			
Student Ages 8 to 18	Battered Fish	2 Pieces Battered Fish w/3 Sides (3/24 only)	\$ 11.00
	Baked Fish	2 Pieces Baked Fish w/2 Sides	\$ 12.00
	Pizza	2 Slices of Pizza w/1 Side & Soda	\$ 7.50
	Mac & Cheese	9/10 oz Serving Mac & Cheese w/2 Sides & Soda	\$ 7.50
Sides: French Fries, Mac & Cheese 4 oz, Bread Rolls & Butter, Container Coleslaw, Green Beans, Container Apple Sauce			
Child Ages up to 8yrs	Battered Fish	1 Piece Battered Fish w/2 Sides (3/24 only)	\$ 7.50
	Baked Fish	1 Piece Baked Fish w/2 Sides	\$ 7.50
	Pizza	1 Slice of Pizza w/1 Side & Soda	\$ 5.50
	Mac & Cheese	7/8 oz Serving Mac & Cheese w/1 Sides & Soda	\$ 5.50
Sides: French Fries, Mac & Cheese 4 oz, Bread Rolls & Butter, Container Coleslaw, Green Beans, Container Apple Sauce			
Family Style (Dine-in Only)	Battered Fish	10 Pieces of Battered Fish (3/24 only)	\$ 32.00
	Fries	Basket of Fries (6 Servings)	\$ 8.00
	Coleslaw	Bowl of Coleslaw (6 Servings)	\$ 8.00
	Mac & Cheese	Bowl of Mac & Cheese (6 Servings)	\$ 8.00
	Bread Rolls	Basket of Bread Rolls (6)	\$ 8.00

View the full menu at www.stbrendans.net/fish-fry

Next week, March 31, battered fish will be replaced with breaded shrimp!

APRIL 29 & 30 – SAVE THE DATES

DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING? – Don't throw it out! Donate it instead to St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Donation Drive April 29 & 30. (No large furniture, appliances or beds, please.)



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LORD TEACH US: PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE

The next Lord, Teach Us series is "Prayer in the Presence" on Monday, March 20, 10 AM or 7 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Join Deacon Doug Yglesias as he leads us to a deeper understanding and appreciation for Adoration. No RSVP needed, just come with a desire to pray!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a healing sacrament by which we experience the mercy of God. Regular confession brings healing to our hearts and restores our relationship with God and the community.

MARCH 27, PARISH PENANCE SERVICE Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service this month in the church on March 27 at 7 PM.

APRIL 3, RECONCILIATION MONDAY takes place the following week on the Monday of Holy Week on April 3 from 4-9 PM in the Church and Adoration Chapel.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY

We hope you will join our Deacons this Friday, March 24 at 7 PM in the church in remembering the Passion of the Christ.



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.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR:

In Memory of: _____

~OR~ Special Intention: _____

Requested by: _____

Email: _____

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

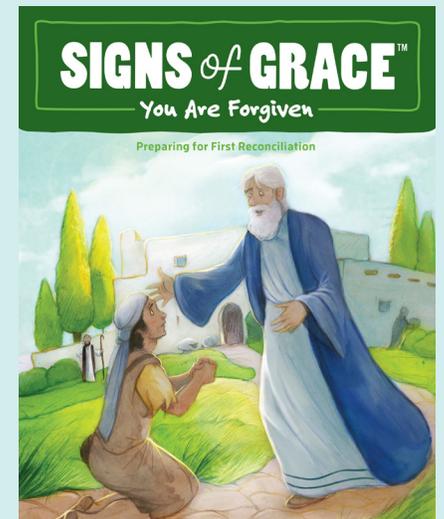
Total amount enclosed (# of plants x \$10 =) \$ _____

LENTEN RESOURCES



FREE HALLOW+

Access Hallow through Easter this year for free. Check out "Daily Prayer: Complete Catholic and Christian Guide to Praying Every Day" during Lent! To create your account, visit hallow.com/holyday, select "St Brendan the Navigator" and input your email and a password.



AVAILABLE ON FORMED.ORG

Signs of Grace: You Are Forgiven is a great resource for any parent looking to help their child draw closer to the Lord this Lent. Short videos to start each session are available on FORMED. Access your free Formed subscription by visiting signup.formed.org and type "St Brendan the Navigator" into the search bar to create an account.

LENTEN RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

To access events happening at our parish during Lent and for even more resources, visit www.stbrendans.net/lent-2023

PARISHSTAQ



NEW! PARISHSTAQ HOW-TO VIDEO

If you're still struggling with creating your account or utilizing ParishStaq, check out our new how-to video now available at stbrendans.net/parishstaq

It's packed with helpful tips and software navigation information that will help you to obtain the full benefits of what ParishStaq has to offer!

SCHOLARSHIP

The St Brendan Athletic Association has established 2 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. 8th 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. Students must be planning to attend a Catholic high school in the Columbus Diocese in the fall of 2023. Deadline is May 1, 2023 and applicants must complete an essay and fill out the form at www.stbrendans.net/athletics

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ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our final faith formation family sessions will be on April 23 & 24. Before these, you should complete the *Root* family meetings 4 & 5 at home. As well, you should read parts 5 & 6 of the *Root* parent series.



Maggie Agra will be joining the Evangelization & Catechesis team over the next couple 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 currently a student who will be working remotely until May, when she will start in our office full-time. Her email is magra@stbrendans.net

We are also pleased to announce that our middle school youth minister, Madison Stewart, recently gave birth to her daughter, Regina Holland Stewart, and would like to extend our congratulations! If you need to contact the Youth Ministry while Madison is on maternity leave, please email youthministry@stbrendans.net

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

FIRST COMMUNION

Faith formation families: Please complete *Nourish* family meetings 7, 8, and 9 before the First Eucharist Retreat at the end of April. All First Communion families: Please RSVP using the link sent by email for the retreat. If you need to update any information from your registration form, especially the number of guests for us to expect, contact sacraments@stbrendans.net. As well, please complete any owed payment to cover the cost of the retreat and gifts.

CONFIRMATION

Faith formation families: You should complete *Zeal* family meeting 7 at home by March 31. 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. As well, please complete any owed payment to cover the cost of the Damascus Retreat back in November. Thank you!

More information is available by visiting:

www.stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens

March 19, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day – in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind – or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

PRAY Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.*



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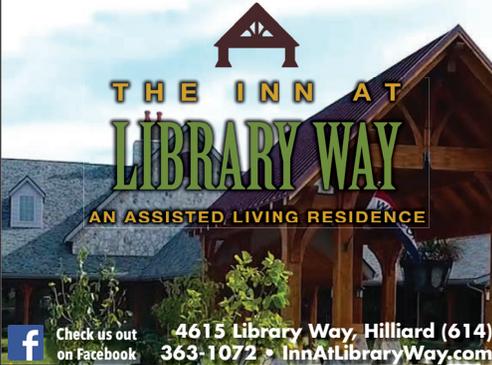
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