

Second Week of Lent

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 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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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. For Sunday worship materials and bulletins emailed weekly to you, go to tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 6 - 12

MON	5:30 PM	Thurman Moore
TUES	8:00 AM	Frank L. Pe
WED	5:30 AM	Marilyn Jane Radich
THURS	8:00 AM	Joann Paesano
FRI	8:00 AM	Bill Sauer
SAT	8:00 AM	Frank L. Pe
	5:30 PM	Rev. David A. Buckley
SUN	7:15 AM	Karen Lea Smith
	8:45 AM	Richard Seipel
	10:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	5:30 PM	Frances E. Rouhana

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

stbrendan.weadorehim.com

TUES 9 AM–9 PM

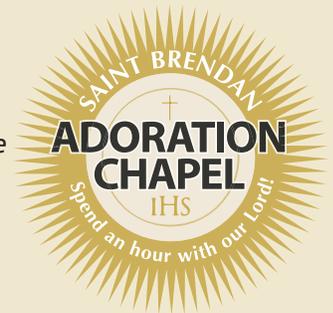
WED 7 AM–7 PM

*Holy Hour 6–7 PM
Confessions available*

THURS 9 AM–9 PM

FRI 9 AM–9 PM

SAT 9 AM–1 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 7	Church of the Ascension, Johnstown	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
	St. John XXIII	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
8	Immaculate Conception	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
	 St. Brendan the Navigator	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
9	St. Margaret of Cortona	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
	St. John Neumann	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
10	St. Patrick, Columbus	7:30 PM	12:00 AM
11	St. Patrick, Columbus	12:00 AM	4:30 PM
12	Immaculate Conception, Kenton	10:00 AM	9:00 PM
13	St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus	8:30 AM	6:45 PM
14	Ss. Simon & Jude, West Jefferson	12:00 PM	6:00 PM
	St. Dominic	8:30 AM	6:00 PM



AN HOUR WELL SPENT

Message from Jennifer Rice, Director of Missionary Discipleship



Lord, I come, I confess.

Bowing here, I find my rest.

Without you, I'm torn apart.

You're the One that guides my heart.

Lord, I need you.

Entering the chapel for my weekly Holy Hour, I genuflect then take my place on the kneeler for a few minutes as I breathe deeply. There is a sense of relief in coming here. I can rest with Jesus. I always think of myself as resting at His feet like Mary did – I leave my Martha personality at the door and take the better part for an hour. In the stillness I listen for the words He wants to tell me. Sometimes they are comforting, sometimes they are questions or truths that go into the places that only He can reach. Sometimes it is me asking Him – praying for my family, for those who are lost to come back, for my own health. I spend time in the comfort of the Rosary, glancing up at the Holy Family icon to look into the eyes of our Blessed Mother.

It is an hour well-spent.

This routine had become familiar only in the last few months. I did not grow up with Adoration, and here was reluctant to commit to a weekly time for fear of it not fitting into my schedule. I quickly learned that it was more about my schedule fitting around the Holy Hour. That, in order to do “all the things,” I needed *The One Thing*... Jesus, fully present before my eyes on the altar.

This month we focus our prayer practice on Adoration. We are just a bit into Lent and perhaps you are looking for that “pray” portion of your commitment. You might be like many who are nervous about doing an hour in the chapel. Silence may be even scary for you as your mind wanders or you worry about the things you might hear! What if you just gave it a try for 15 minutes, then 30, then 45...? As the hundreds of thoughts pop into your mind, what if you acknowledged them and watched them drift by you, or better yet, let Jesus take them? Give Him your worries, your intentions. Share with Him your gratitude and joy. ***Rest with Him.***

What will happen if you do this? Better clarity, a deeper relationship with the Trinity, peace. A sacred place of rest where you can drop the mask and just be His son or daughter. Turning to prayer in your day first instead of all the things we think will make it all better...

This month I challenge you to just try it. And then see where the Lord leads you. Deacon Doug Yglesias will be leading our **Lord, Teach Us Series** this month on Adoration on March 20 at 10 AM and 7 PM in the chapel. Come learn and try it out. Jesus wants to see you. He has so much to tell you and He can't wait to listen to you, too.

OUR SYMPATHY...



To the families of Robert Gallo
and Ivy Macioce

MARCH EVENTS

- March 6-11
St Joseph Icon
- March 7 | 6:30 PM
St Joseph Prayer Service
- March 8 | 7 AM-7 PM
Diocesan 40 Days of Adoration
- March 8 | 6 PM
Anchored in Adoration
- March 10, 17, 24 | 7 PM
Stations of the Cross
- March 20 | 10 AM, 7 PM
Lord, Teach Us: Prayer in the Presence
- March 27 | 7 PM
Parish Lenten Penance Service
- March 24 & 31 | 4:30 PM
Parish Lenten Fish Fry

ST JOSEPH ICON AT ST BRENDAN THIS WEEK

MARCH 6-11

On view in
the Adoration
Chapel

**ST JOSEPH
PRAYER
SERVICE
MARCH 7,
6:30 PM**

In the church



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.

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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	Doris Kopac
Mary Brake	Jim Logue
Chris Carrino	Jane Lumen
Eugene Chervenak	Mary Pat Marchion
Patricia Crane	Joe Martin
Chuck Destefani	Becky Moyer
Mary Jo Flickinger	Brent Shonkwiler
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
Bob Kienle	

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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.

Prayer suggestion... Dear St Monica, Troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St Monica, for (mention your petition here) and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. ~ Amen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 6		
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, MARCH 7		
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
6:00 PM	Men's Retreat Planning Meeting	The Carter Center
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus: St Joseph Prayer Service	Church
7:00 PM	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Learning Center
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8		
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	40 Days of Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	40 Days of Adoration	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Anchored in Adoration	Church
7:00 PM	KofC #11208 Officer Planning Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:15 PM	Young Adult Night	OFF-SITE
THURSDAY, MARCH 9		
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, MARCH 10		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
SATURDAY, MARCH 11		
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
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass (RCIA 1st Scrutiny)	Church
SUNDAY, MARCH 12		
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
9:45 AM	Family Faith Formation Sunday	Multiple Locations
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	Faith Formation 6-8 Parents Sunday	School Cafeteria
6:30 PM	The ROOTS	Multipurpose Room
6:30 PM	Sunday VINE	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B



**American
Red Cross**
BLOOD DRIVE

MARCH 10 BLOOD DRIVE

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



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 13, MONDAY, 12 PM – Meet at El Vaquero, 1780 Hilliard Rome Rd, Hilliard. RSVP Larry to Larryhanchin@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC TIMES SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

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MEMORIAL BRICKS

St Brendan Knights of Columbus 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



ON THE
SECOND
WED
OF EACH
MONTH
@ 6 PM

Anchored
IN ADORATION

MARCH 8 – PRAY WITH US AT ANCHORED IN ADORATION!

Join us Wednesday, March 8, after Mass at 6-7:15 PM in the Church. Come and experience silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession available, a witness talk by parishioner Judy Schlueter, praise/worship music and prayer teams available to pray individually with you.

40 DAYS OF ADORATION

MARCH 8, 7 AM - 7 PM – HERE AT ST BRENDAN!

40-days of Adoration takes place across the Columbus Diocese where various churches open their doors to adorers wishing to behold the Blessed Sacrament. Seize the opportunity to experience a new church/chapel, witnessing the Lord in a fresh space with a fresh mind. This Wednesday our parish is hosting 40 Days of Adoration!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7PM

We hope you will join our Deacons this Friday, March 10 at 7PM in the church in remembering the Passion of the Christ.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession or the Sacrament of Penance, is a healing sacrament by which we experience the mercy of God. Through the ministry of a priest, we honestly confess our sins to Jesus and then receive His forgiveness and mercy. 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.

VIEW DETAILS, MENU & PRICES AT STBRENDANS.NET/FISH-FRY

Fish Fry
4:30 - 7 PM
in the School MPR
MARCH 24 & MARCH 31
Stations of the Cross begin @ 7PM
DINE-IN OR CARRY OUT
PROCEEDS BENEFIT FUTURE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIPS



LORD TEACH US SERIES: PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE

The next Lord, Teach Us Series is "Prayer in the Presence" coming up 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!

ST GABRIEL CATHOLIC RADIO

DEACONS YGLESIAS & MORRIS ON THE RADIO!

Join over 30 deacons, including Deacons Yglesias and Morris for a live, three-day marathon radio event March 15 -18 during the St Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 Spring Spirit Drive! Listen to both deacons on the radio on March 16 at these 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 chances to increase their Basketball score and win a medal. For details or to donate to St Gabriel Catholic radio, visit StGabrielRadio.com or call 614-459-4820



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 =) \$ _____

LENT RESOURCES



It's not too late to register for a subscription to Hallow this Lent which St Brendan parishioners can access for free through Easter this year.



Hallow features daily meditations, music, Bible stories for sleep, family prayers, and much more. Join guides Jonathan Roumie, Mark Wahlberg, Immaculée Ilibagiza, Fr Mike Schmitz and Jim Caviezel for 40 days of prayer. Select "St Brendan the Navigator" and input your email address at hallow.com/holyday to unlock your subscription. Make sure you are signing in to our St Brendan account (and not an old account) so all the features are accessible!



St Brendan parishioners can also still enjoy a free subscription to Formed by visiting signup.formed.org. Simply type "St Brendan the Navigator" into the search bar to create your account.

LENT RESOURCES ON ST BRENDAN WEBSITE

Visit our parish website to find a list of Parish events this Lent as well as more resources to grow in your faith at www.stbrendans.net/lent-2023

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 the *Root* family meetings 2 & 3 at home. As well, you should read parts 3 & 4 of the *Root* 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

FIRST COMMUNION

Faith formation families: Please complete *Nourish* family meetings 5 & 6 at home by March 12. All First 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: You should have completed *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/

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION



EXTENDED TO MARCH 6
Spring sports registration has been extended now until March 6. Register on the athletics webpage at <https://www.stbrendans.net/athletics/athletics-registration/>

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 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 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 and 10:45 AM Masses. Teach children about the joy they may receive 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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March 5, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a | 2 Tm 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

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

As we enter the second week of Lent, today's readings encourage us to place our trust in God when we are dealing with hardship or uncertainty. Last week, we heard about how Jesus resisted the devil's temptations in the desert, trusting in the Father. This week, we follow Peter, James and John up the mountain, where Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Jesus had told his followers he would suffer and die. The Transfiguration gave them a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming (CCC 554-56). As we continue on our Lenten journeys, we, too, can place our trust in the Lord. Though we may experience hardships and perhaps even doubts, the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus has gone before us and prepared a place for us. As Pope Francis reminds us, "by his Transfiguration [Jesus] invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven" (Homily, March 2014).

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We Catholics like to pray out loud. Whether we're singing the "Holy, Holy" with gusto or quietly reciting the rosary, most of us can say with confidence, "we have a prayer for that." And, of course, prayer is one of the three pillars of Lent (along with fasting and almsgiving). Today's account of the Transfiguration instructs us pretty clearly to listen. As Jesus is transfigured, the disciples hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; *listen to him.*" As we enter the second week of Lent, many of us have chosen something to "give up" or done something more proactive. Either way, today's readings remind us to enter this penitential season with open hearts - and open ears. We can listen to Jesus by studying Scripture, being especially attentive to the Sunday homily, or quietly soaking in his presence through eucharistic adoration.

PRAY Try driving with the radio off this week. Use the time to pray and "listen" to Jesus.

“

This is my beloved
Son, with whom
I am well pleased;
listen to him.”

(Mt 17: 5)

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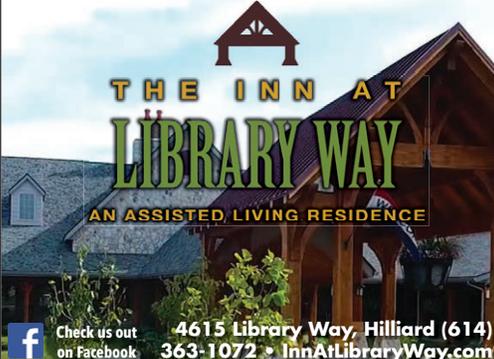
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