

Palm Sunday

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

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

DAILY MASS

MON & WED

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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*Behold,
the hour is at
hand when the
Son of Man is
to be handed
over to sinners.*

From Palm Sunday's

Gospel Reading:

Mt 26:14—27:66



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Brooklyn Rose Stauffenger



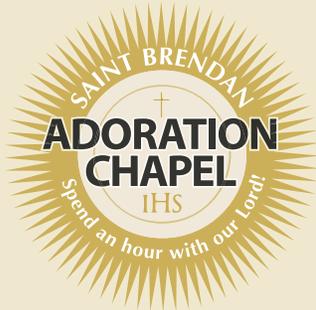
MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 4-9

TUES	8:00 AM	Frances E. Rouhana
WED	5:30 PM	Barbara Rice
THURS	7:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
SAT	8:00 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
SUN	7:15 AM	Alexis Paige Eggerichs
	8:45 AM	Clemis Fox – MPR
	8:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan – Church
	10:45 AM	Aurora Gutierrez – MPR
	10:45 AM	Judy Tabash – Church



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

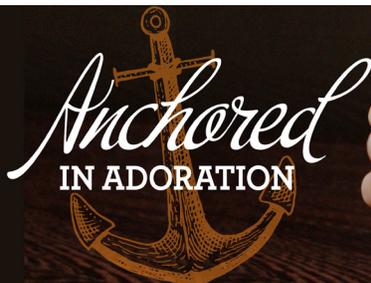
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EXTENDED ADORATION HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK!

APRIL 2	PALM SUNDAY	6:30 PM-Midnight
APRIL 3	MONDAY	9 AM-Midnight
APRIL 4	TUESDAY	9 AM-Midnight
APRIL 5	WEDNESDAY	7 AM-Midnight
APRIL 6	THURSDAY	8:30 PM-Midnight

ON THE
SECOND
WED
OF EACH
MONTH
@ 6 PM



Wednesday, April 12 at 6 PM – Join us this month at Anchored in Adoration with elevating music, parishioner testimony of faith, and our prayer team ready to pray for your intentions.

Note: No Confession April 12 during Anchored



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 & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing
Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail 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

HAPPENING IN APRIL...

This April is perhaps the most sacred of months we have on our calendar this year. It begins immediately with Holy Week and Easter, gives us Divine Mercy Sunday right in the middle, then ends with the beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation for our eighth graders, a reminder to all of us of the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit.

OUR YEAR OF PRAYER THEME THIS MONTH is Lord, Teach Us How to Trust.

Holy Week and Easter are our first examples of trusting that, despite the horrific death that Christ endured, He is risen and promises the same for us. There is no better time to bring our own sufferings to Him, knowing and trusting that He who has endured more than we can imagine has paved the way for us. Our suffering unites with His in redemption and His faithful promise.

SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS THIS WEEK to pray for trust in His plan for us. Accompany Him as in the Garden by attending an hour of **Adoration – special extended hours until midnight during Holy Week** – to encourage us to just be with Him. He did ask then, “Could you not stay awake with me for even one hour?” See our schedule and commit to an hour this week at www.stbrendans.weadorehim.com

ANCHORED IN ADORATION this month is on Wednesday, April 12 at 6 PM with elevating music, one of our parishioners giving a testimony of faith, and our prayer team ready to pray for your intentions. This day also marks the beginning of the **Holy Spirit Novena** for our Confirmation candidates who will receive this sacrament on April 21. This does overlap with the **Divine Mercy Novena** we begin on Good Friday. Extra prayers are never unneeded or unheeded! You can find them on our Year of Prayer page on the website at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

APRIL 16 IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Please join us in the church at 3 PM as we pray the chaplet together and reflect upon the Lord’s great love and mercy for us. As a tangible expression of this, Confession will be available from 3-5 PM.

THIS MONTH’S LORD TEACH US SERIES is on Wednesday, April 26 at 10 AM and 7 PM in Wellnitz. We will present the theme of trust in prayer, including praying our intentions, Divine Mercy, the Litany of Trust, and the Surrender Novena. Join us to explore what prevents us and helps us in our level of trust in prayer.

May God richly bless you this sacred month of months!



CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN ROMAKER

We are pleased to announce that our Multimedia Coordinator, Ben Romaker, will now also be filling the role on our parish staff as Director of Development.

Before joining our parish staff in October, Ben spent the past nine years designing and developing donor recognition programs for churches, independent schools, hospitals, and universities. Ben is eager to advance the mission of St Brendan and further grow our vibrant parish.

We look forward to having Ben share his talents with us in this additional capacity. Ben can be reached at bromaker@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 224.

MAKING CHRIST PRESENT

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON DOUG YGLESIAS

The Jewish faith has the "mitzvah of sippur yetziyat Mitzrayim." This is the requirement of followers of their faith to not only remember the events that occurred during the Passover but during the celebration to “relive” those events. This is to make present again the events that took place during the Passover.

This carries on in our Catholic faith. We are called to not only remember the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Our Lord but to relive it. His single act of love changed the course of history and our lives personally. This happens for us at every Mass. When we come to Mass, Jesus’ sacrifice made on the altar is not only remembering the words of Christ but “re-presents” (makes present) the sacrifice of the Cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruits. (Catechism #1366)

This is what we are blessed to celebrate at each Sunday Mass. In the celebration of the Pascal Mystery, we do not only recall what happened but we relive it because that sacrifice is made present again. Just as if we were there at the Last Supper, there at the cross, and there at the Resurrection, we are there at Mass. Do we allow ourselves to open our hearts and minds and go with the same reverence we would if we were there 2,000 years ago?

As we proceed with our Lenten observances this Holy Week, let us deliberately choose to not only remember what Christ did for each of us, but let’s choose to relive it in our hearts and minds. We have the opportunity to do this through so many opportunities at our parish during Holy Week: through Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer or daily Mass, each time allowing our hearts to grow closer to Our Lord.



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	Doris Kopac
Chris Carrino	Jim Logue
Eugene Chervenak	Jane Lumen
Linda Clark	Mary Pat Marchion
Patricia Crane	Joe Martin
Tom Crane	Becky Moyer
Chuck Destefani	Grant Nuss
Mary Jo Flickinger	Brent Shonkwiler
Mary Frick	Pamela Theado
Don Johnson	Mitzie Toth
Bob Kienle	Marilyn Wiggins
Jill Markey	

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, make your request on the St Brendan Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and Inviting Catholics Home team members will find your request and pray for them.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 3 (NO 5:30 PM DAILY MASS)

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
4:00 PM-9:00 PM	Reconciliation Monday	Church
9:00 AM-12:00 Midnight	Holy Week Special Adoration	Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-12:00 Midnight	Holy Week Special Adoration	Adoration Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 (NO CONFESSIONS)

7:00 AM-12:00 Midnight	Holy Week Special Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 AM	SVDP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:30 PM	Maundy Mass, The Lord's Supper	Church
8:30 AM-11:45 PM	Holy Week Special Adoration after Mass	Church
11:45 PM-12:00 Midnight	Night Prayer after Adoration	Adoration Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 Diocesan Collection: Good Friday (Holy Land)

No school (Easter Break) & Parish office is closed

12:00 PM	Good Friday with General Veneration	Church
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Good Friday with Individual Veneration	Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 (NO 8 AM OR 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS)

9:00 AM	Blessing of the Easter Food	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY (NO 5:30 PM MASS)

7:15 AM	Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Mass	Church
10:45 AM	Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Mass	Multipurpose Room
10:45 AM	Mass	Multipurpose Room

LIVESTREAMED MASS

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SUNDAY LITURGY AIDS

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HOLY WEEK

- APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY**
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
ADORATION 6:30 PM-MIDNIGHT
No Coffee & Donuts
- APRIL 3 RECONCILIATION MONDAY** *No 5:30 PM Mass*
CONFESSIONS 4-9 PM In the Church
ADORATION 9 AM-MIDNIGHT
- APRIL 5 WEDNESDAY ADORATION**
7 AM - MIDNIGHT (No Confession)
- APRIL 6 HOLY THURSDAY**
7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
ADORATION 8:30 PM-MIDNIGHT
(11:45 PM Night Prayer)
- APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY**
12 PM Mass with general Veneration
7 PM Mass with individual Veneration
No school/Easter Break
- 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
8:45 AM MASS in the MPR & Church
10:45 AM MASS in the MPR & Church
No 5:30 PM Mass
- MONDAY, APRIL 10**
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED & NO SCHOOL
(Easter Break)

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EASTER!

Would you like to serve behind the scenes? The Arts and Environment Ministry is looking for anyone (creative or not) to help beautify our church! We need carpenters, those who sew, have an eye for design, or just want to help move and place items for the ordinary or liturgical seasons.

We are in immediate need of help to decorate for Easter on Saturday, April 8, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Students needing service hours are welcome! Contact Kathleen at kathleen.reis@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

REINTRODUCING THE CHALICE AT MASS

Bishop Fernandes has asked us to reintroduce the distribution of the Precious Blood beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and is planning to re-evaluate this change at the end of the Easter season. We are seeking to re-introduce this at St Brendan beginning with the Sunday services the weekend of April 15 & 16.

To help ensure that this goes as smoothly as possible, and to address any questions that you might have, we are having a brief training session today, Palm Sunday, April 2 at 12:15 PM (following the 10:45 Mass) and Tuesday, April 4 at 7 PM. You only need to attend one session, not both. Only those who have attended one of these training sessions will be permitted to distribute the Precious Blood. We do ask that all EMHCs attend the training, even if you are not interested in distributing the Precious Blood at this time, as there are other procedural changes that will affect host distributors as well.

To ensure that we have sufficient distributors, we ask that you email our Ministry Scheduler at MinistryScheduler@stbrendans.net and also copy the email to DeaconDoug@stbrendans.net as well. Please let us know whether you would be willing to distribute the Sacred Host, Precious Blood, or both. If you didn't already respond in time to make it to the April 2 or 4 training sessions, please do so soon, in order for us to schedule you appropriately in the future.



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RECONCILIATION MONDAY

APRIL 3 IS THE LAST SCHEDULED PENANCE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE EASTER!

Monday from 4-9 PM in the Church and Adoration Chapel. *Please note: No daily 5:30 PM Mass on Monday.*

LORD TEACH HOW TO TRUST

The next Lord, Teach Us series, "Teach us How to Trust" will be on Wednesday, April 26, 10 AM or 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. We will present the theme of trust in prayer, including praying our intentions, Divine Mercy, the Litany of Trust and the Surrender Novena. Explore what prevents us and helps us in our level of trust in prayer. No RSVP needed.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us in the church April 16 at 3 PM as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together and reflect upon the Lord's great love and mercy for us. As a tangible expression of this, Confession will be available from 3-5 PM.



FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

To help us to stay focused on prayer this year, our deacons will lead First Friday Evening Prayer in the Adoration Chapel every first Friday of each month. Please join us this Friday, April 7, 7 PM.



ST BRENDAN MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21, 2023 at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, join us to unpack this year's theme "Deepening our Walk with Jesus through the Eucharist." Retreat Director this year is Fr Tom Gardner. The cost is \$190 (minimum \$50 deposit due with registration; balance due no later than May 5, 2023). For more details or to register now, please scan the QR code or visit www.stbrendans.net/mens-groups. Questions? Contact Gerry at 614.946.8117 or email Gerryliz90@gmail.com



MEN'S FAITH SHARING BIBLE STUDY

Join us starting Tuesday, April 11 as we read and discuss the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* by Brant Pitre. This will be an eight-week-long session. The book can be purchased online at Amazon, Nook, etc, or comes in paperback and digital format for Kindle. There is a study guide included at the end of the book which we will use to start the discussion. Looking forward to sharing together in faith as we move along in this new series! For more information visit our web page at www.stbrendans.net/mens-groups/stbmen

ARE YOU DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?

On April 29 and 30, St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to look for the **St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store trailer** in our parking lot. Your donations of gently-used clothing, household items, toys, books, bikes, sporting goods, etc, are needed to restock the Thrift Store in order to assist individuals in need in our parish and around the Columbus Diocese.

LENTEN RESOURCES



ONE MORE WEEK OF FREE HALLOW!

Your free St Brendan Hallow subscription ends at Easter, so be sure to utilize it this week. If you haven't already, pray along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet this week! Access your account at hallow.com/holyday, type in "St Brendan the Navigator" and input your email.



AVAILABLE ON FORMED.ORG

Here are some offerings this week:

- Triduum
- Brother Francis: Stations of the Cross
- Bible Studies on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
- The Last Supper with Dr Brant Pitre
- Agony in the Garden: Dr Tim Gray
- The Passion with Dr Elizabeth Klein
- Holy Saturday with Dr John Sehorn
- The Resurrection with Dr Barber
- FORMED Now: Understanding Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Jesus' Death in Light of Old Testament Sacrifices, Holy Saturday.

Access your free Formed subscription by visiting signup.formed.org. Type "St Brendan the Navigator" into the search bar to create your account.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA FOR RCIA CANDIDATES

Please join us in praying the Holy Spirit Novena for our RCIA Confirmation candidates who will be coming into the Catholic faith next week at Easter—tinyurl.com/holy-spirit-novena



2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST BRENDAN

Ages: Totus Tuus day camp is for those children entering grades 1-6 and youth nights are for those entering grades 7-12.

Dates: Day Camp runs Monday-Friday, June 26-30
Youth nights run Sunday-Thursday, June 25-29

Cost: \$25 per child.

Lunch: For the day camp, you must send your child with a packed lunch for the day. We will provide a morning snack.

Potluck: We will have a potluck Wednesday night in the MPR at St Brendan to give your whole family a chance to meet the Totus Tuus Missionaries.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are in need of volunteers, dinner hosts, and host families to help make this year's VBS successful. These positions are open to anyone entering 8th grade and older. We do need at least two Safe Environment certified adults with each grade level of children during the day camp.

To volunteer, visit <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public>

Register for VBS by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://bit.ly/stbtotustuus>



Questions? Contact jdoran@stbrendans.net

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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.

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, please contact sacraments@stbrendans.net. As well, complete any owed payment to cover the cost of the retreat and gifts.

CONFIRMATION – Faith formation families: You should have completed *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.

More details can be found by visiting: www.stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens

TRINITY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you are looking for a preschool that shares your Catholic values, look no further than Trinity Preschool at St Margaret of Cortona, right down the road from us at St Margaret of Cortona Catholic Church at 1600 North Hague Ave. We are now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year!

We welcome children ages 3-5 (age 3 by Sept 30 and fully potty trained). Our 2-day class, age 3, meets Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9 AM-11:30 AM. We also have 2 different class options for our age 4 and 5 students. Our 3-day class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9 AM-11:30 AM and our PM class for ages 4 and 5 meets every afternoon (except Thursday) 12:30-3 PM. If you have questions, would like to schedule a tour or to register, contact Andrea Boyd: 614.274.1922, aboyn@cdeducation.org or visit our web page at stmargaretcolumbus.org/trinity-preschool



April 2, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14—27:66

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we begin Holy Week, we hear Matthew's account of the Passion. We see Jesus' humanity as he experiences *sorrow and distress* in the hours before his death. Three times, he asks the Father to "let this cup pass from me, yet, not as I will, but as you will." In our own human experience, I am guessing many of us have asked the Father to "let this cup pass" - for in addition to life's joys, we will all experience setbacks, struggles, and suffering. By example, Jesus shows us that we can turn to our Father, trusting in his will for us. Let this be a reminder in this holiest of weeks that we can bring our suffering and our doubts to the Father, knowing that the joy of Easter will come.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The final words of today's Gospel [shorter version] are those of the centurion and the men keeping watch over Jesus: "Truly this was the Son of God!" Let us keep in mind this central proclamation of our faith while attending Triduum services this week. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, celebrating Christ's outpouring of love for us. On Good Friday we venerate the cross as we solemnly recall the passion and death of Jesus. And of course at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the story of our salvation, culminating in Jesus' resurrection. As Christians, we know that the cross will give way to the empty tomb and the promise of new life in Christ. Let our voices be strong this week as we echo the centurion's words above, and may Jesus' name be praised forever!

PRAY Praying the Stations of the Cross allows us to walk with Jesus through his passion and death. Make that journey with Jesus this week.

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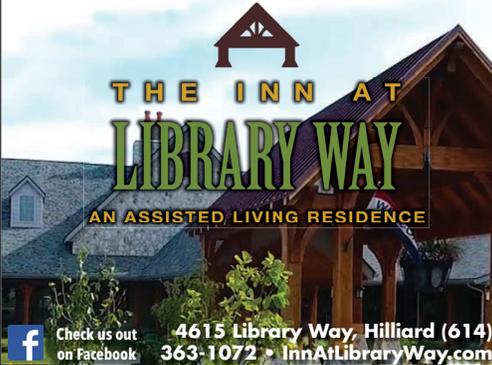
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