



To the family of Judi Lang

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Anthony James Bond Miles Daniel Wellman



MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 24-30

MON	5:30 PM	Carol Koch
TUES	8:00 AM	Romeo Savella
WED	5:30 PM	Paul C. Roth
THURS	8:00 AM	Mary Jo Ritzenthaler
FRI	8:00 AM	Carl Tomaki
SAT	8:00 AM	Maria Santos
	5:30 PM	Dorothy Herold
SUN	7:15 AM	David Friermood
	8:45 AM	Marie Povse
	10:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	5:30 PM	Robert I Berger



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TUES 9 AM – 10 PM WED 7 AM – 7 PM

Holy Hour 6–7 PM

Confessions available
THURS 9 AM-10 PM

THURS 9 AM – 10 PM FRI 9 AM – 10 PM SAT 9 AM – 1 PM





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! High School & adult volunteers are greatly needed during collection times. Consider lending a hand! Please sign up at https://tinyurl.com/SVdP-volunteer



Helping Our Neighbors Begins at Home!
Our trailer will be in the St Brendan parking lot

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 9 AM - 4 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 30 12 - 4 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**

Annointing 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**

MESSAGE FROM FR BROWN

This weekend, I would like to invoke prayers for all those who will be ordained to the ministerial priesthood and the diaconate...

MOST ESPECIALLY THROUGH PRAYER, for our own Michael Haemmerle who will be ordained as a transitional deacon next month and next year ordained a priest.



I can't speak for everyone ordained, but for many, it's the ordination to become a transitional deacon that's more nerve-racking than the ordination to become a priest! A big part of the reason for that is, it's within the ordination to become a deacon that one promises not to marry (for permanent deacons, it's a promise to not remarry, if in the case of the death of a spouse).

I remember the night I was ordained a deacon and remember that I must have lost 4 or 5 pounds in that liturgy because I was sweating so much due to nerves. Ordination to the priesthood is much more calm and laid-back, and that's why I'm calling for prayers for Michael in these last weeks of his discernment!

It can be overwhelming as far as planning, as well. I would say, it's somewhat similar to planning for a wedding, except there is no fiancé to split the preparation work with (i.e. invitations, reception, etc.) while also having to balance your ongoing school work at seminary. A lot of you know Michael. Many may have even seen him helping at this year's Easter Vigil, and you know how diligent he is; so he's surely keeping up with all that's demanded of him. Nonetheless, the entire process moves very quickly and can be incredibly exhausting... so, please keep him in your prayers!

I hope many of you were able to see and talk with him when he was around helping with the sacred Triduum, but if you missed seeing him then, we do have plans for him to come back and preach on May 14, after he's ordained a deacon on May 5. Please keep Michael and all who are to be ordained a deacon or priest in 2023 in your prayers, and may the love of the Holy Family be with them for comfort and courage!

God bless you, St Brendan's ~ Fr. Brown

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Praised be Jesus Christ!

Ordination to the Diaconate
Of

Deacon Michael Robert Haemmerle

for the Diocese of Columbus on

May 5, 2023

at 7 o'clock in the evening Saint Paul the Apostle Church 313 N State Street, Westerville, Ohio

&

Deacon Haermmerle
will deacon and preach
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at
8:45 AM and 10:45 AM

At Saint Brendan the Navigator Parish on

Sunday, May 14, 2023

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO ACTION ALERT...

As a decades-long champion of parental choice in education, the Catholic Conference of Ohio is urging legislators to support SB 11 (Enact the Parental Education Freedom Act) and allow every student in the state of Ohio the opportunity to receive an EdChoice Scholarship. This support adheres to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which states, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental." (CCC 2229).

Let's continue to advocate for this fundamental right to allow students of all backgrounds and income levels to attend Catholic schools. Ask your Ohio Senator to support SB 11 and uphold the family as the central social institution of society. Visit the following link to easily petition your Ohio Senator (messaging is already provided!): www.votervoice.net/OHCATHOLIC/Campaigns/101143/Respond



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

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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 the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a friend or family member who is no longer practicing the faith, visit the Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and write your intention. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk and our Ministry will pray for them.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 AM Church Cleaning Church 5:30 PM **Daily Mass** Church

6:30 PM Family Faith Formation Monday **Multiple Locations**

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 AM Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing Davidson Rd Meeting Room A

8:00 AM Church Daily Mass

9:00 AM-10:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 AM-5:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel**

10:00 AM Lord, Teach Us to Pray Series: Trust Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

5:30 PM Daily Mass Church 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Adoration, Confessions Available Church

7:00 PM Lord, Teach Us to Pray Series: Trust Wellnitz Hall, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Church 8:00 AM Daily Mass

9:00 AM-10:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration** Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM Rescue Project, AM Session Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B 6:30 PM Rescue Project, PM Session Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 AM Church Daily Mass

9:00 AM-10:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration** Adoration Chapel

Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B 4:30 PM Jesus Day First Eucharist Retreat

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 AM Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)

8:00 AM Daily Mass Church The Rosary 8:45 AM Church

9:00 AM Confession Adoration Chapel Confessional

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM-1:00 PM **Adoration Chapel** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM St Vincent de Paul & KofC Donation Drive **Campus Outdoors** 10:00 AM Jesus Day First Eucharist Retreat Multipurpose Room

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Church 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM Mass During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses Children's Liturgy of the Word **Adoration Chapel**

During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses **POD Nursery** Childcare Center

Coffee & Donuts Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses

12:00 PM Baptisms Church

12:00 PM-4:00 PM St Vincent de Paul & KofC Donation Drive **Campus Outdoors**

ROOTS Core Team Meeting OFF-SITE 6:30 PM

6:30 PM Sunday VINE Multipurpose Room



DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION:

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Please consider giving this weekend in the baskets at Mass. For secure online giving visit https://ppay.co/HgkCBrGU2u8 or scan the QR code. We thank you for your generosity!

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- FAQ: stbrendans.net/parishstaq
- Questions: cstaqteam@stbrendans.net
- Liturgy Aids: tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids





TRUST IN PRAYER

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

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? All are welcome at lunch where we listen, laugh, cry and help one another through this grief journey. Our monthly grief workshop is this Sunday evening, April 23 at 7 PM in Davidson Room A. Contact Dennis for information at 614.946.8090 or edmuch@me.com

ST BRENDAN WOMEN'S EVENT

Our Blessed Mother Mary reminds us that we as women were created with extraordinary uniqueness. Gather with us for an evening to learn about Mary's secret to powerful prayer and honor Mary as the Mother to all the faithful. As women, we carry wounds from life encounters as we experience pain for others, our own internal unrest, and sadness over the brokenness of the messy world around us. Mary is the model who guides us to heal and make connections in our prayer life through heart-centered reflections. Join us Thursday, May 18, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms for a time that will breathe life into your strength and tenderness. A community service activity will be part of the evening and it will close with a May crowning of Mary. Lite refreshments and snacks served. RSVP atstbrendans.net/womens-groups Questions? Contact Karen Potondi at potondi.ka@gmail.com

REGISTER NOW FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21, 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 registration and more information, visit www.stbrendans.net/mens-groups. Questions? Contact Gerry at Gerryliz90@gmail.com



FRIDAY, MAY 5, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at Bob Evans, Tuttle Crossing Pkwy. No RSVP needed.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 11 AM - SPECIAL ANOINTING, MASS & LUNCH

All seniors of the parish are invited to attend Mass together where the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be provided. Following Mass, we will gather for a catered lunch in the Davidson Rooms. \$10 at the door. RSVP is required for lunch only by May 3 to Larry at 614.264.6925 or larryhanchin@yahoo.com

CONFIRMATION 2023

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 21

Lana Kay Elizabeth Austin Leah Claire Philomena Barrickman Michael Laurace Thomas Beckwith Isaac Nail Timothy Bergman Carmela Judith Jude Biedenbach Michael Morgan John Paul Boyle Colin Lynch Michael Bray **Althea Danielle Francis Callipare** Jose Luis Rivera Jose Luis Carapia Jonathan Gregory Jon Carlo Ella Sophia Clare Carnevale **Reid Mason Sebastian Caviness** Julie Marie Catherine Chenos John Francis John Paul Chilicki **Audrey Marie Mary Coontz Lillian Christine Catherine Crane Kendall Grace Martha Dauer** Andrew James Michael DeMassimo Michael Anthony Sebastian DiPalma **Cohen Michael Sebastian Distel Morgan Marie Lucy Drews Logan Charles Christopher Evans Nathan Thomas Francis Frey Braden Thomas Leo Gessells** Jack Riley Aloysius Gonzaga Gibson Samantha Rachel Rose Grant **Matthew Alexander George Griffith** Natalia Eva Cecylia Hammond Elizabeth Virginia Gianna Molla Hansen William Kreft Thomas Harris **Lily Colleen Faustina Hatfield** Jack Robert John Paul Heston **Lucy Violet Joan Hornik William Scott Christopher Howard**

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Evan Paul Basil O'Leary

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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. Please read parts 5 & 6 of the *Root* parent series as well.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION – If your child missed the group celebration of this Sacrament on December 3, bring them to one of the times listed below at St Brendan for Confession. Once your child receives the Sacrament, let us know so that it can be recorded and a certificate can be prepared for you to pick up.

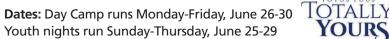
- Wednesdays from 6-7 PM (during Adoration time)
- Saturdays from 9 AM until all are heard

FIRST COMMUNION – Everyone should be registered for this Sacrament and have supplied a copy of all Baptism certificates of students not Baptized at St Brendan. The First Eucharist Retreat and practice are on Friday, April 28 from 4:30-8:30 PM or Saturday, April 29 from 10 AM–2 PM. We encourage both parents to attend but ask that at least ONE parent attends with their child. Make sure to RSVP for one of the sessions.

CONFIRMATION – Congratulations to everyone who was confirmed on April 21! (View names on page 7 in the bulletin)

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ages: Totus Tuus day camp is for those children entering grades 1-6 and youth nights are for those entering grades 7-12. **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: On Wednesday night in the MPR at St Brendan, to give your family a chance to meet the Totus Tuus Missionaries.

Volunteers Needed: 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 **stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/ goto/needs/public**

Register for VBS at https://bit.ly/stbtotustuus or scan the QR code.





BISHOP READY HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following parishioners who are students at Bishop Ready High School and who have attained Honor Roll status for the third guarter of the current academic year.

Earning 1st Honors: Freshman Katherine Sanders; sophomore Emma Rieder; and juniors Liam Armstrong, Samuel Carlino, Kayla Clevinger, and Easton Kernosky; and seniors Cecelia Muraco, Jennifer Pond, and Philip Ryan.

Earning 2nd Honors: Junior Hayden Kernosky.

Named to the Distinction List: Junior Ellie Jelinek.

COFFEE & DONUTS, APRIL 30

St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home & Welcome Ministries are hosting coffee and donuts on Sunday, April 30. Please visit our table for free books and Catholic resources. An easel with a prayer board will be available to write the names of loved ones who are no longer attending Mass, practicing our faith or who have left the Church. Kids will enjoy coloring pages and puzzles, plus take home a treat bag with fun facts about St Brendan whose feast day is May 16!

For more information about either of these ministries, contact Janet at jlwalsh1@gmail.com (Inviting Catholics Home) or contact Sheri at welcoming@stbrendans.net (Welcome Ministry)

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Trinity Preschool at St Margaret of Cortona is accepting registrations for next school year. If you have a child 3-5 years old (age 3 by Sept 30) and are looking for a preschool that shares your Catholic values, look no further than Trinity Preschool. As an affiliate of St Brendan School, Trinity Preschool of St Margaret of Cortona is highly recommended and located nearby at 1600 N Hague Ave. For questions, to schedule a tour, or to register, contact Andrea Boyd at aboyd@cdeducation.org or visit stmargaretcolumbus.org/trinity-preschool

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HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS...

ST CHARLES SUMMER PROGRAMS

June and July, St Charles offers summer camps for all ages with 24 different camp sessions. Basketball Camp starts as young as incoming 1st graders, and there are camps available in Robotics, Volleyball, Ice Hockey & more! All-day camp options are available by pairing Camp Cardinal with Baseball, Football, or Soccer. Register at scprep.org under "Admissions". Contact 614-804-7230 or ngruber@scprep.org with questions.

BISHOP WATTERSON MEN'S NIGHT

Columbus Blue Jackets' Jared Boll, Brandon Dubinsky and other team members will join us for Bishop Watterson's 2023 Men's Night on Saturday, May 20 at 6:30 PM at St Brigid of Kildare. Tickets are \$100 per person, with proceeds benefitting the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund. Tickets and sponsorship at bishopwatterson.com

PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTERS

Save the date for our Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) Golf for Life Outing May 22, at the Lakes Golf and Country Club. Now registering golfers and sponsors. Questions? Contact Anne Marie Weakley at annemariew@pdhc.org. For details or registration: www.supportlifepdhc.org/golf

PDHC also needs a full-time and a part-time Nurse. Ultrasound training provided. Send inquiries to Jenns@pdhc.org. Also needed: volunteers for 24/7 crisis hotline, Material Aid & Family Advocates for Family Empowerment Center and Greeters/Chaperones for our pregnancy centers. Email Andreas@pdhc.org or visit SupportLifePDHC.org if interested.

MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART AND HISTORY

Night at the Museum: May 20, 5-9 PM. Learn about the Catholic Church throughout the centuries through art and stories.

Bus Tour of Seven Catholic Churches in Columbus: Join this fun tour of several churches in Columbus on May 13. Learn about their fascinating histories as vital places of Catholic worship, evangelization, and learning in our Diocese. \$70 per person (lunch is included) and 40 spots available. RSVP at museumtours@catholicmuseum.org.

The museum is located near St Joseph Cathedral at 257 E. Broad St in Columbus. For details about either event, contact 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org

April 23, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were prevented from recognizing it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

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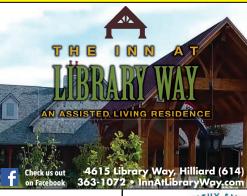
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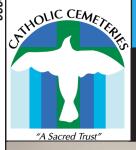
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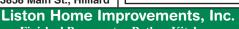
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