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

6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY

9 AM

Parishioners may schedule appointments for Confession with one of the priests by calling the parish office

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 AM-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)



MASS INTENTIONS JULY 3-9

5:30 PM Vernan Bachinski MON TUES 9:00 AM George Paesano WED 5:30 PM Florence Mulholland THURS 8:00 AM Tom Owens 8:00 AM Steve Toth FRI SAT 8:00 AM Diva Volpe 5:30 PM Ivy Macioce SUN 7:15 AM Dora, Ellie and Jill Dischino 8:45 AM Tom Toth 10:45 AM Catholics in Need 5:30 PM For the People of St Brendan Parish

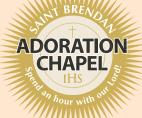
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com

TUES 9 AM – 10 PM WED 7 AM – 5 PM

> Holy Hour 6–7 PM Confessions available

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



SUMMER ADORERS NEEDED

Our commitment to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament does not take a summer break. 54 hours a week are spent in prayer in our Chapel. What if you took a moment to do the same? How would that change your life? Our parish Eucharistic year began on June 11, so now is the perfect time to be our guest for 15 minutes in the Chapel and grow to commit to an hour. You are needed as part of the great Body of Christ to pray and let that prayer change our world. Sign up at https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/

IMPORTANT: To increase safety when campus doors are locked after 6 PM, all adorers now need a PIN code to enter the building. Adorers must be registered on the stbrendan. weadorehim.com site to receive a code. The keypad is on the far right side of the doors labeled A2. (A2 doors are located near the statue.) As always, you are encouraged to sign up for a time to adore!



SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Summer Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-6 PM (also open during Adoration, evening Mass, and during scheduled events/meetings)

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 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 Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 227

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 begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

MESSAGE FROM MAGGIE AGRA

This month, on July 22, we have the great gift of St Mary Magdalene's feast day! Mary Magdalene is a great intercessor and beautiful example of intimacy with Christ.

Although there aren't many lines in Scripture dedicated to Mary Magdalene, the ones we do have tell a beautiful tale of conversion, love, and mission. We first encounter Mary Magdalene when St Luke recounts her as following Jesus after she was freed from demonic influences. Jesus came, healed her, and radically changed her life. As a result, she left everything to



follow Him. In fact, she follows Jesus even to the Cross, as she was one of the few disciples who actually stayed with Our Lord during His darkest moments. She mourned with Jesus' mother, and witnessed Jesus' depth of love in His sacrifice on the Cross. And not only does she accompany Jesus to Golgotha, but she is given the great gift of proclaiming His Resurrection!

Mary Magdalene is, at first, so blinded by grief at the tomb that she does not recognize her Savior. But all He has to do is say her name, and she knows that it is Him. In great joy, she runs to tell the others that the impossible has become possible. In this action, she earns the title "Apostle to the Apostles" for proclaiming the Good News to all the others.

Mary Magdalene was devoted to Christ no matter the cost. She became an example of God's boundless mercy and love. Pope Benedict the XVI even referred to her as "a disciple of the Lord who plays a lead role in the Gospels." From Mary Magdalene we learn that a true disciple is one who cries out to Christ in weakness, is healed by Him, and then follows Him, while testifying to His great love and mercy.

Ultimately, Mary Magdalene stayed by Jesus' side through it all. Through years of preaching the Gospel, through the walk to Calvary, and through the open tomb, Mary Magdalene always sought Jesus' presence.

How can we seek Jesus' presence amidst the different seasons of our lives? How will we commit ourselves to staying in His presence today?

To help find the answer to those questions, consider signing up for First Friday Perpetual Adoration, July 7-8 (details below.)

FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION, JULY 7

Join us to adore our Lord at our First Friday Perpetual Adoration
July 7. Experiencing Jesus in Adoration is a powerful way you can
deepen your understanding and devotion to Him in the Eucharist
this year. Join us 8 AM Friday, July 7 through 1 PM Saturday, July 8.
Sign up through https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/. You must be
registered and sign up to receive the code to access the building after hours.

Please contribute to making our first try of perpetual Adoration a success!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Naomi Rae McNamara Connor Stephen Varga





To the families of Josephine Jones and Chuck Destefani

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE THIS WEEKEND!

BE SURE & REGISTER TO VOTE BY JULY 10

Look for our Knights of Columbus members manning the Voter Registration Information table outside the School Gymnasium after Masses. A special election will take place in Ohio August 8, 2023 to vote on Issue 1, which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." As our bishops remind us, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (Faithful Citizenship, No. 13.)

Visit VOTEOHIO.GOV to:

- · Register to Vote
- Update Voter Record
- Check Voter Status
- Request Absentee Ballot
- Find Election Information



WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!

Parish office is closed July 3 & 4.

HOLIDAY MASS TIME –

Daily Mass on July 4 is at 9 AM and no adoration.

PARISH PARADE FLOAT!

Look for the St Brendan float at the Hilliard 4th of July Parade this year! The parade begins at 9 AM, July 4 in downtown old Hilliard.



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. Or visit our online Prayer Wall and make your request for any other intentions at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch **Doris Kopac** Bill Brake Frank Kreber Chris Carrino Jim Loque Eugene Chervenak Jane Lumen Linda Clark Jill Markey Patricia Crane Joe Martin Tom Crane **Becky Moyer** Ben Diepenbrock **Grant Nuss** Mary Jo Flickinger Tom Speroni Pamela Theado Mary Frick Don Johnson Mitzie Toth **Bob Kienle** Marilyn Wiggins

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop **Jackson Maassel** Sam Imwalle Alec Moyer Christopher Keck Rick Shonkwiler Cody Longstreth **Rob Shonkwiler**

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 make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk and our ministry will pray for their return back to the Church.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 3	Parish Office Closed				
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
TUESDAY, JULY 4	Parish Office Closed/No	Adoration			
9:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5	No Scheduled Evening Confession				
7:00 AM -5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration (10 AM-12 PM No Adora				
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
6:30 PM	KofC Assembly 2727 Monthly Meeting	Davidson Road Meeting Room B			
7:00 PM	Young Adult Group Wellnitz Hall, Mtg Rms 1 & 2				
7:00 PM	Summer Bible Study: Romans	The Carter Center			
7:00 PM	VINE Summer Formation	Davidson Road Meeting Room A			
THURSDAY, JULY 6					
8:00 AM 9:00 AM-10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration SVDP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Adoration Chapel Adoration Chapel Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (w/patio)			
FRIDAY, JULY 7					
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
8:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Adoration Chapel & Olympic Diner			
9:00 AM-Midnight	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel			
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel			
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Wellnitz Hall, Rooms 1 & 2			
SATURDAY, JULY 8					
Midnight (7/7)-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel			
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Room A			
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel			
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church			
9:00 AM	Confessions Church				
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	School Gymnasium			
SUNDAY, JULY 9					
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	School Gymnasium			
During 8:45/10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center			
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After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass Coffee & Donuts

Baptisms

12:00 PM

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION CALENDAR

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JULY								
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						Mass in Gym		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
	New Flooring Completed							
Parking Lot Completed and Painted								
Mass in Gym	Parish off	ice is closed				Mass in Gym		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	Installation of 5th Grade and MPR Hallway LVT Flooring							
New Lighting in 1st Grade Classrooms								
Mass in Gym	Gym Installation of Baptismal Font							
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
	1st Grade Lighting Completed							
	Installation of Choir and Organ Platform Installation of Carpet in Gathering Space							
22						20		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
5th Grade and MPR Hallway Flooring Completed Installation of New Organ								
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LIVESTREAMED MASS

Davidson Road

Mtg Rms A & B

Adoration Chapel

facebook.com/StBrendanHilliard youtube.com/c/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard Sunday – 10:45 AM, Monday/Wednesday – 5:30 PM Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday – 8 AM



BLOOD DRIVE, JULY 14

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, July 14, 1-7 PM in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms. Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment by visiting www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Contact Jeff Lehr at Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov or call 614-315-7466 with questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT

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 luncheon is Thursday, July 20, 1-2:30 PM at La Chatelaine restaurant in Dublin (65 W Bridge St.) Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

2023 PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS UPDATE

DONATE AN EXPERIENCE If you have tickets to sporting events, vacation timeshares, or other "experience" types of items that you are interested in donating to the 2023 St Brendan Festival Silent Auction OR if you are in contact with a business that would like to donate items, or participate as a festival sponsor, contact Mike Lynch at **festival@stbrendans.net** or 614.264.0314

GIVING TREES Two giving trees for the 2023 Parish Festival Silent Auction are available: one in the lobby across from the Parish Office and one in the School Gym. Items donated will be added to our Silent Auction Baskets. Return items to the bins no later than July 24. An Amazon gift list is also available for online donations: https://tinyurl.com/2023-Giving-Tree. Items purchased from the Amazon List will be shipped directly to the Silent Auction Chairs to create baskets.

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Please sign up to volunteer to help out at the festival this year by visiting www.stbrendans.net/festival. We requesting that all volunteers to fill out a Volunteer Code of Conduct form which is available at www.stbrendans.net/safe-environment/

RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS Don't forget, if you sell and return all 6 of your raffle tickets by July 17, you will receive 2 free tickets!

ST MARGARET FESTIVAL IS JULY 28 & 29 Save the Date! Our sister parish, St Margaret of Cortona (1600 N Hague Ave) is having their parish festival on Friday, July 28, 6 PM-midnight and Saturday, July 29, 5 PM-midnight! Family hours with kids activities are 5-9 PM on Saturday. St Margaret is still looking for volunteers. Consider supporting our collaborative parish by signing up to volunteer at stmargaretcolumbus.flocknote.com/signups/126725



IOIN A GROUP OR MINISTRY

We hope you were able to get to know better some of our groups and ministries available here at St Brendan this past weekend at the Ministry Fair. If you were not sure about joining at that time, please consider doing so now. Becoming more active in our parish fosters new friendships, helps to form deeper spiritual connections to the Church and enables our parish to grow and to flourish. Bring your children with you to help out and they could earn service hours!

MATURE ACTIVE SINGLES TOGETHER (MAST)

("Single" – legally separated, divorced, widowed or never been married.) M.A.S.T. provides opportunities for single individuals over 45 years of age to come together to meet and socialize with others traveling a similar road. Participate in day trips, sports events, hikes, meals and working service events at the parish or our monthly book club. Questions? Contact Chris at chrishauck0522@gmail.com or to join our book club, contact Cynthia at Cynthiaejensen@gmail.com

IOIN A HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Do you have 30 minutes to share your time and talent once a week or even once a month at Mass? Consider joining the Usher or Welcome Ministry! All the training you need will be provided. Please contact Sheri Raitz at welcoming@stbrendans.net Or, sign up your family to help with Coffee and Donuts before and after the 8:45 and 10:45 AM Masses. Teach your children the joy of serving others while also supporting Coffee and Donuts Ministry! To sign up, contact Deacon Yglesias at deaconyglesias@stbrendans.net

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

The Arts and Environment Ministry is for anyone (creative or not) to help beautify our church or to just place items for the ordinary or liturgical seasons. If interested, contact kathleen.reis@gmail.com

ARE YOU CALLED TO CARE & CONSOLE?

We continue to expand our consolation team to support our families in grief. Roles needed: funeral coordinators support and coordinate funeral Masses; hospitality team greets, guides and supports families the day of the funeral; luncheon team provides a meal after the funeral; and bereavement support send cards to families following a loss. Training will be provided. We always need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join our nursing facility teams Sunday mornings and during the week for Communion services or visiting rooms. Training is provided and you do not need to be an EMHC already. To help, contact Jen Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net



A St Brendan parish social group for those age 60+

JULY 7, 8 AM - 1ST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST

Mass followed by breakfast at the Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Road

JULY 10, 12 PM - MONDAY LUNCHEON

Lunch at the Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring lunch, drink and chair. (No RSVP required for either event)



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE JULY 15/16

The St Brendan's Knights of Columbus, Council #11208, will be having a Delta Church Drive after every Mass on July 15 and 16. They will provide information, and invite men to join the over 200 St Brendan men who already belong to this international, fraternal organization. Learn about the benefits of how we men can grow our faith, lead and strengthen our families, serve others in our community, and defend life. For more information on who the Knights are, go to www.KofC.org/joinus or contact Timothy Thissen at kofc11208@gmail.com with questions.

ST BRENDAN MEN'S CLUB

As a brotherhood in which all men of the church are members, the Men's Club provides fellowship through spiritual, social, and fundraising functions. Activities include monthly meetings and a variety of special events. Join us at our next meeting scheduled Tuesday, July 11 at 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. For questions contact Dale Bruggeman at dgbrugge@gmail.com

IOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

We are always looking for new members. No experience or long-term commitment required! Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9 PM in the Church. If interested, please contact Dr. Ross Williams, Director of Music, at rwilliams@stbrendans.net

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



PATHWAYS & SACRAMENT PREPARATION

For 2023-24, Family Faith Formation at St Brendan offers three different pathways for families which include:

SEEK & ROOT - For those new to family faith formation, families meet on Monday night at church 10 times/year, twice/month in September and October, and once/month November-April.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION - For families returning to family faith formation and preparing one (or more!) children for a sacrament this year - meet on Monday night five times/year, in addition to sacramental celebrations. Sessions run October-March.

CONTINUED GROWTH - For families returning to family faith formation not preparing any children for a sacrament - meet Sunday morning or evening, OR Monday night 8 times from September-April.

Registration is now open for this Fall! Scan the QR codes below to register for next year or find them in ParishStaq forms.



PARENT
REGISTRATION
(fill out once)



CHILD REGISTRATION (fill out once per child)

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on solid and consistent volunteers, who help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel. Scan the QR code to sign up and receive a discount code to use.

LEAD CATECHISTS (50% discount) coordinate adults in leading children in songs, games, and teachings prepared by our staff. Lead Catechists coordinate 8 at-church sessions, once a month.

AIDES (50% discount) support the Lead Catechist in managing and leading activities with small groups of elementary-aged kids. Aides assist 8 at-church sessions, once each month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS (100% discount) accompany 6th-8th graders using discussion-based small groups to help students grasp the faith and are present at 12 small groups, twice each month.

FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) lead 6-8 families in a small group and help with questions about faith at home and raising kids to be Catholic for 8 sessions, once a month. Provide feedback for their small group of families via the Martha platform.

For questions, please contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net or Maggie Agra at magra@stbrendans.net



FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Register now for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports including football, cross country, cheerleading, and volleyball. Registration is available at www.stbrendans.net/athletics

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. An affiliate of St Brendan School, Trinity Preschool is located nearby at 1600 N Hague Ave. To schedule a tour, or to register, visit stmargaretcolumbus.org/trinity-preschool or contact Andrea Boyd at aboyd@cdeducation.org



RCIA SESSIONS BEGIN AUG 29

Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, stems back to the early Church and allows adults (14+) to walk together and learn about developing a personal relationship with Jesus, what it means to be Catholic, and how the graces of the sacraments and the community of the faithful give us direction as we put our faith into action. St Brendan's RCIA group will meet weekly on Tuesdays, August 29, 2023 through April 16, 2024, 7-8:30 PM in the McCurdy Learning Center. If schedule is a factor, please contact the parish office to discuss alternative paths. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia/

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BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

Abortion changes everything – mood swings, intimacy issues, isolation, and depression. If you or someone you know is struggling from a past abortion experience, please call during office hours 614.719.0277 or (24/7) 614.309.0157

EWTN'S LIVING RIGHT WITH DR RAY

Coming to Columbus to tape four (4) LIVE programs and YOU are invited to be part of Dr Ray's LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE! The recording dates are Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 at Ohio Dominican University. Each day, the first recording is at 5:30 PM and second recording is at 7:15 PM. Go to www.stgabrielradio.com for details and to register online. Attendance is FREE!

OPEN DOOR COLUMBUS

Volunteers are needed! Open Door provides hope, help and healing to women in recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) by providing one year of free support services to women following incarceration, treatment and court ordered diversion programs. Please volunteer, even one hour a week, to mentor and encourage women who need community support. If interested, contact Leslie Fresco at lesfresco@gmail.com

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in 2023 are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries in honor of their marriages. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 10, at St John Neumann Church in Sunbury. Registration is now open at https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee

COLUMBUS SERRA CLUB

This Fall, the Columbus Serra Club will challenge eighth grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or less, answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. Volunteers are needed for this program. To help, contact Carl at carl@faehnle.com or Mary at vlahakismary@gmail.com

July 2, 2023

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a | Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 | Mt 10:37-42

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

In today's first reading, the Shunammite woman recognized that Elisha was "a holy man of God." She and her husband then went on to provide Elisha with hospitality and lodging, and she was rewarded with a son. But how did she recognize Elisha as the holy prophet that he was? Recognition, or lack of it, is a recurrent theme in Scripture - from Mary Magdalene not recognizing the risen Lord at the tomb to the disciples not recognizing Jesus on the road to Emmaus. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus himself encouraged his listeners to learn to recognize "false prophets" because they bear bad fruit. What do we need to open our eyes to and recognize today? Perhaps the realization that Jesus' life and teachings always point us to life - life with him and in him, on earth and for eternity. As members of the body of Christ, let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with his love so that we may bear good fruit and always choose the road that leads to that life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Perhaps we should consider these words from Jesus in today's Gospel a challenge. Yes, we know that faithful discipleship comes with demands. But "losing our life"? I like to think of it as going "all in" in our response to Jesus. Investing the most we can in our relationship with Jesus means recognizing that he is the way and the truth and the life. And then we must act upon that. How? Put God first in your life. Serve him before all else. Let our relationship with Christ be like the frame that holds a building up – let it define us, strengthen us, and shape us. And may it allow us to recognize his loving presence in each moment of our lives.

ACTION The summer months are hot in the northern hemisphere, and traveling, running errands, and doing things for one-self can be difficult for those who are adversely affected by the heat. Take a look around you – at your neighbors or even those who are part of your daily circle of encounters – and be intentional at recognizing who they are (a child of God) and what their needs might be. Offer specific assistance to them related to that need, as the Shunammite woman and her husband did for Elisha.

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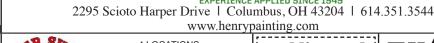
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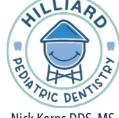


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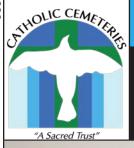
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