

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

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

DAILY MASS

MON & WED

6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI

6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY

8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

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)

4475 DUBLIN ROAD
HILLIARD, OH 43026
STBRENDANS.NET
614.876.1272

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches." Mt 13:24-43



MASS INTENTIONS JULY 24-30

MON	6:30 AM	David Merk
	5:30 PM	Art Smith
TUES	6:30 AM	Earl Jones
	8:00 AM	Those with Disabilities
WED	6:30 AM	Louie Niemann
	5:30 PM	Married Couples
THURS	6:30 AM	Viola Shaw
	8:00 AM	John Hoge
FRI	6:30 AM	William Mooney
	8:00 AM	John & Mary Chapin
SAT	8:00 AM	Those Suffering from Addiction
	5:30 PM	Georgia & Anthony Pulsinelli
SUN	7:15 AM	Seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus
	8:45 AM	Stephen Toth
	10:45 AM	Christine Wilson
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

MASS INTENTION OPPORTUNITY!

Due possibly to parishioners being away on summer vacations as well as the addition of our new 6:30 AM Mass time, there are several open spots on our Mass Intentions calendar for the upcoming weeks. Consider remembering a loved one in this special way, or make your special prayer intention known at Mass. To schedule an intention, mail or drop off \$10 to the parish office along with your request.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 First Friday of the month, 9 AM-Saturday 1 PM
SAT	9 AM-1 PM



FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our next *First Friday Perpetual Adoration* is August 4-5, Friday, 9 AM - Saturday, 1 PM, as we pray for those who are away from the Church. All are needed during our regular hours as well, to pray as the Body of Christ to change the world!

NOTE: 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.)

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 Jaimie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@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

A MESSAGE FROM FR STINNETT

Hello St Brendan the Navigator!

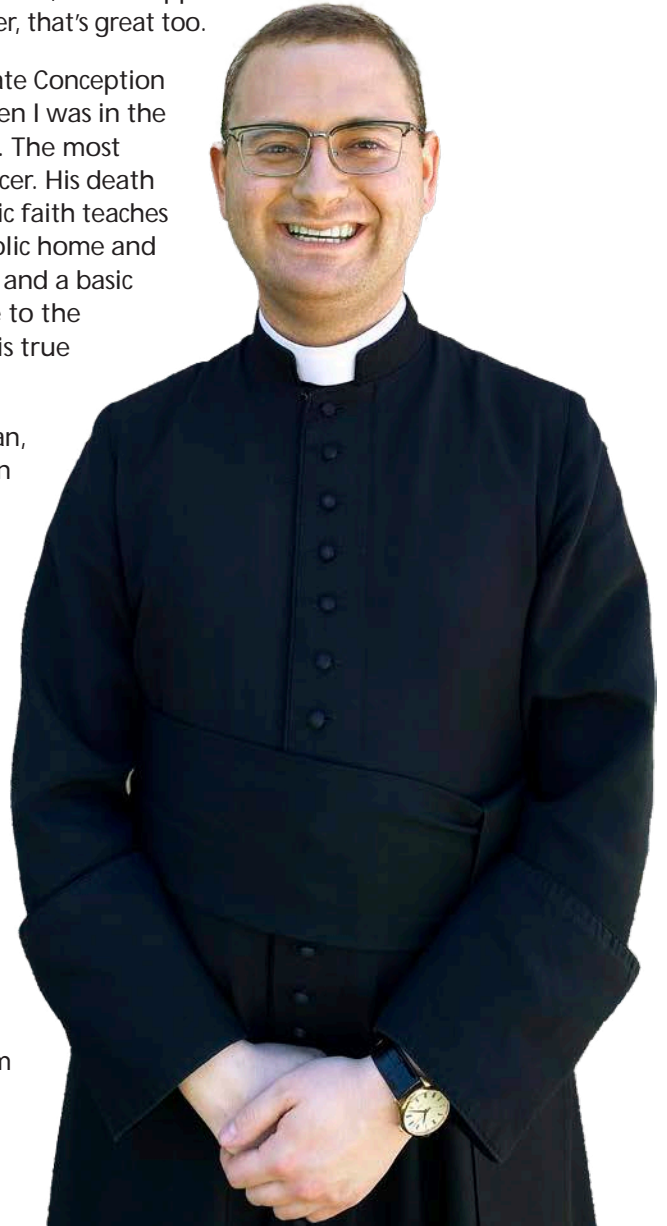
I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself so you can know a little about your new parochial vicar. First of all, don't worry about how to pronounce my last name. However it comes out, I will respond to it. I always tell people that my family pronounces it one way, most of the world pronounces it another, and I stopped caring 15 years ago. Also, if you find just calling me "Father Jacob" is easier, that's great too.

I am a Columbus native, growing up in Clintonville. I attended Immaculate Conception School and St Charles. I began to hear my calling to the priesthood when I was in the eighth grade. There were lots of events that came together that year. The most significant was the death of a classmate from a six-year battle with cancer. His death was the first time I really had to grapple with the truths that our Catholic faith teaches about life, death, consolation, and resurrection. Being raised in a Catholic home and receiving a good Catholic education gave me a lot of head knowledge and a basic Catholic outlook on the world. But this was the first time I had to rise to the occasion and claim my faith for myself. People have been saying this is true and they believe it, but do I?

Thanks to the help and great witness of our pastor and resident seminarian, I took the first steps then of making this faith that had been passed down to me my own. I became interested in the Church like never before, because there was something of me invested in it. I also received the Sacrament of Confirmation that year from Bishop Campbell. The Holy Spirit was definitely at work, leading me to hear the quiet voice of God prompting me to respond. The challenge of faith, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the witness of good priests all came together to put the question in my mind: "Is this something I could do too?"

My vocational path was rather common a few generations ago, but more unusual today. I entered seminary right after high school and went all the way through in seven years. Many people take more time before they commit to seminary or are ready to give themselves to the Lord. Whatever path we take is the path the Lord wants us to be on. Each of us has a unique journey with the Lord, and I am excited to be a part of your journey with Him. No path is easy or straightforward, as much as mine sounds like it might be. We are all works in progress, but the important thing is that we come to know the One Who is working on us, the One Who is seeking to claim and change our hearts, and His Name is Jesus!

~ Fr Jacob Stinnett



GROUPS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS...

Would you like to meet new people and also help our parish to thrive? Consider joining one of these ministries:

MUSIC MINISTRY No experience or long-term commitment required! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:15-9 PM in the Church. If interested, contact Dr. Ross Williams, Director of Music, at rwilliams@stbrendans.net

CARE FOR OUR PLANTS Help is needed to water and weed our beds around campus. Give whatever time you can! To help out, contact Jamie at jyoung@stbrendans.net

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES Experience the joy of serving others while also supporting our parish, weekly, monthly or even yearly! Sign up for Coffee & Donuts by contacting Deacon Yglesias at deaconyglesias@stbrendans.net and to sign up for Welcome Ministry or to serve as an Usher at Mass, contact Sheri Raitz at welcoming@stbrendans.net

CARE & CONSOLATION We are in need of **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. Commitment is monthly, quarterly or as a sub. Contact Jen at jrice@stbrendans.net



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

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 24		
Festival Auction Items are due!		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
TUESDAY, JULY 25		
6:00 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (w/patio)
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Parish Festival: Planning Meeting	The Carter Center
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Adoration/Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Summer Bible Study: Romans	Davidson Road Meeting Room B
7:15 PM	KofC #11208: Knight Degree Exemplification	Church
7:45 PM	KofC #11208: Exemplification Reception	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
THURSDAY, JULY 27		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
FRIDAY, JULY 28		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	OFF SITE – Chiller Ice Rink, Dublin
SATURDAY, JULY 29		
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM -1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, JULY 30		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45/10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Road Mtg Rooms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church



To the family of
Charlie Dorian

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Corinne Jean Irmen
Joseph Philip Koterba
Jack William Koterba



SPECIAL ELECTION, AUGUST 8

A special election will take place in Ohio on August 8 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.*) Important dates:

- NOW-AUGUST 6: Absentee/early in-person voting
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 8: ELECTION DAY

The bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1, as it does not promote any direct moral content. The proposed November ballot initiative however, which would enshrine abortion, is opposed by Ohio bishops. Read more below.

ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT...

The dignity of life is being threatened in Ohio by a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but removes current safeguards for women. **Three primary concerns about the amendment** are: it puts women at risk, endangers preborn children and enables those who pressure women into abortion. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life. To learn more and to find out what you can do, please visit: www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment. The website will be updated with new resources through November at which time the amendment will be on the ballot.

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION CALENDAR

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5th Grade and MPR Hallway Flooring Completed						X
Installation of New Organ						X

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ST BRENDAN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Need prayers for you or someone you know? We have several opportunities!

ONLINE PRAYER WALL

Use our online *Prayer Wall* to place your request with your name or anonymously. If requested, you and the person you are praying for can receive an email when someone prays. Click on the *Year of Prayer* button at the bottom of our website home page, locate the *Prayer Wall* and submit your request!

ADORATION CHAPEL

Prayers can also be written in the *Intention Book* in the Adoration Chapel and prayers of thanksgiving may be posted inside the chapel on the *Thank You Prayer Board*.

ST MONICA PRAYER BOARD

Know someone who has been away from the Church? Add their name to the Inviting Catholics Home *St Monica Prayer Board* in the church gathering space.

IN PERSON & PRAYER EVENTS

Need intercessory prayer in person? Attend *Anchored in Adoration* to pray directly with our prayer teams! Or, join us for *First Friday Evening Prayer* each month, the weekly *Saturday Morning Rosary* (after daily Mass), or attend Adoration in our Chapel, open Tuesday-Saturday!



A St Brendan parish social group for age 60+

AUGUST 4, 8 AM

1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Hella's (9346 Dublin Road.)

AUGUST 14, MONDAY, 12 PM

Luncheon at the Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring a lunch, drink and chair. No RSVP needed for either event.

ST VINCENT de PAUL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We are so very grateful for the generous support St Brendan parishioners provide to our St Vincent de Paul Conference. Unfortunately, the number of neighbors in need is on the rise. In fact, this past June we reached an all-time high of over 30 requests for financial assistance in just one month. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to meet those needs; however, we are now in need of replenishing our funds to continue to assist when called. Also, please remember if you, a neighbor, or fellow parishioner are in need, please reach out to us through the parish office. To learn more about St Vincent de Paul, contact Heather Carrier at heathercsvgdp@gmail.com



There will be a collection for St Vincent de Paul this weekend, July 22 & 23. Or, give online through PushPay, scan the QR code, or mail check to: St Brendan St Vincent de Paul Conference, 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, Ohio 43026

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 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 from the early Church and allows adults (14+) to 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 to 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, contact us to discuss alternative paths. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia/



AUGUST 27 PRAYER SERVICE

Join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry, at the *St Monica Prayer Service* August 27, at 3 PM in the Adoration Chapel, to pray for all Catholic family and friends no longer practicing our Faith. Learn what persisting in prayer can do to bring loved ones back into the Fold through St Monica's example. We will also be praying for the names written on our St Monica Prayer boards, located in the church gathering space by the Welcome

Desk, so add any names you would like to include before the event! Also, join us in praying a Novena for the return of those away from the Church which will begin August 18 and can be found at www.stbrendans.net/ich

THE APPEAL IS SUCCESSFUL!

Thank you to the more than 550 families who have pledged almost \$300,000 to The Appeal! While money pledged does not equal money received at this point, this number substantially exceeds goal and we so appreciate your tremendous generosity! If you have not yet made your pledge, there is still time to do so. Remember that all dollars received above goal will be applied to renovating our lighting system here in the church. On behalf of Bishop Fernandes and Fr Bob, we can't thank you enough!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY, AUGUST 9

Registration is open for *The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline*® study program! Let us take you on a guided journey through Salvation history, highlighting fourteen of the Bible's narrative books that tell the biblical story from beginning to end, giving you the keys to understand the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. Learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith. The study begins August 9 and meets Wednesdays at 7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Room B until Lent! Questions? Contact Phil at papetrella@gmail.com. Register through ParishStaq or on our website at <https://www.stbrendans.net/adults/>



PARISH FESTIVAL

DONATE AN EXPERIENCE

Have tickets to sporting events, vacation timeshares, or other "experience-type" of items to donate to the St Brendan Festival Silent Auction OR know a business that would like to donate items, or participate as a sponsor? Please contact Mike Lynch at 614.264.0314 or festival@stbrendans.net

SILENT AUCTION GIVING TREE ITEMS DUE JULY 24! The giving tree is located in the lobby across from the parish office. Items donated will be added to our Silent Auction Baskets. Please return all items to the bin by this Monday, July 24. An Amazon gift list is also available at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Giving-Tree> and those items will be shipped directly to the Silent Auction Chairs to create baskets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up to help out at this year's festival by visiting www.stbrendans.net/festival or scan the QR code. The Diocese would like everyone to fill out a *Volunteer Code of Conduct Form* which is available at www.stbrendans.net/safe-environment/



ST MARGARET FESTIVAL IS JULY 28 & 29! Our sister parish, St Margaret of Cortona (at 1600 N Hague Ave) is having their parish festival this coming Friday, July 28, 6 PM-12 AM & Saturday, July 29, 5 PM-12 AM with family hours from 5-9 PM on Saturday. Join them to have some fun and to show your support!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL SPORTS

Register now for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports (football, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, soccer) at www.stbrendans.net/athletics

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

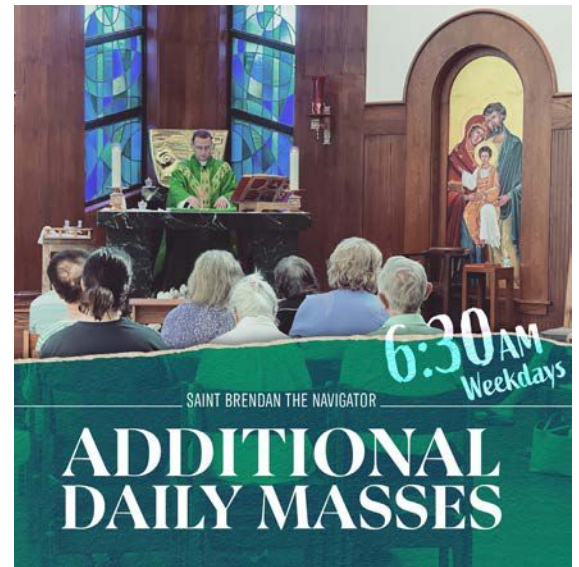
To help us to stay focused on prayer this year, our deacons will lead First Friday Evening Prayer in the Adoration Chapel the first Friday of each month. Join us next Friday, August 4, 7 PM.



DINNER CLUB REGISTRATION

Enjoy great food and drink while getting to know fellow parishioners when you join the Dinner Club. Dinner Club members are grouped into "clubs" of 8 people who have 4 dinners together in members' homes over the course of 6 months. You set the dates, the menu, and who brings what dish to share. Register by August 26, then attend the Kickoff Potluck on September 9 at 6:30 PM following the Vigil Mass to find out who is in your Club.

For more info or questions, please contact Rhonda Timko at thetimkos@yahoo.com Register for the Dinner Club now at <https://www.stbrendans.net/the-dinner-club/>



6:30 AM DAILY MASS ADDED

Attention early risers! Last week, we added 6:30 AM daily Mass, Monday through Friday, to our schedule (on a trial basis until November 3) which will be held in our Adoration Chapel.

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

PATHWAYS & SACRAMENT PREPARATION

2023-24, St Brendan Family Faith Formation offers three different pathways: *Seek & Root* is for those new to family faith formation, *Sacrament Preparation* is for families returning to family faith formation and preparing one (or more!) children for a sacrament this year and *Continued Growth* is for families returning to family faith formation not preparing children for a sacrament. Registration for each pathway is now open! Questions? Contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net or Maggie Agra at magra@stbrendans.net Scan the QR codes below to register or volunteer for this Fall:



PARENT
Fill out
once.



CHILD
Fill out
once per
child.



VOLUNTEER
Fill out to
receive a
discount!

VOLUNTEERS The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on many who can help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel. Sign up and receive a discount!

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

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS (100% discount) accompany 6th-8th graders using discussion-based small groups. Lead 12 small groups, twice/month.

FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) lead and provide feedback to 6-8 families in a small group and help with questions about faith at home for 8 sessions, once/month.

SEEKING A FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

We are currently seeking a full-time Middle School Youth Minister. This position will run a monthly youth night and coordinate family faith formation small groups for grades 6-8. If interested, please contact jdoran@stbrendans.net with resume and cover letter.

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HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS...

PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTERS

Upcoming PDHC events:

LANCASTER GALA - September 14 at The Tree Church with Guest Speaker Melissa Ohden

COLUMBUS GALA - September 21 at Villa Milano with Guest Speaker Scott Klusendorf

For details visit www.SupportLifePDHC.org

EWTVN'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!

JOSEPHINUM 4-MILE RUN/WALK

September 30, 2023 at the PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM, 7625 North High St. Packet pickup: 7:30 AM, Start time: 9 AM All participants receive bread and a bottle of wine, or bread and a jar of Trappist Monastery jam. Save \$5 per person when registering at least 3 participants at one time. Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I, office park at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Support the seminarians! Register at m3ssports.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@faehnl.com or Mary at vlahakismary@gmail.com

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

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

The parables were always my favorite Gospel readings when I was growing up. One we just heard, regarding the wheat and the weeds, was particularly comforting to me as a child. It was simple to understand, I thought: Those of us in God's Church were obviously the wheat and, of course, destined for salvation. We just needed to endure living among "the weeds" while we are in this world. As an adult, however, I realize that Jesus' message is much more challenging - much more convicting regarding my own failures and sins: I could be a weed! And while I certainly don't like that thought, I also don't like considering that anyone would be thrown into the "fiery furnace." After all, we are supposed to love one another and desire that they become part of the body of Christ and have eternal life. The reality of this world, however, is that temptation and sin surround us. Fortunately, Jesus gives us himself as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, and we have the gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. These sacraments, as well as prayer, give us the "nutrients" we need to ensure that we remain the wheat God has sown in his field, and that we can help others be that too.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

While the sacraments can fortify our faith, what about our neighbors, friends or family who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Church? This is where evangelization comes in - inviting someone to join you at Mass or suggesting a religious book they might enjoy reading. If you don't think such a simple act could make much difference in the life of another, take heart in the parables contained in the long form of today's Gospel. In those, Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take much to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. The smallest of seeds can turn into the largest of plants and a small amount of yeast can leaven much flour. And if we have moments where we lack courage or feel in need of assistance, St. Paul reminds us that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Never underestimate the power of the Advocate: he can help us pray, can intercede for us, and provide what we need to be good seed in the world.

PRAY Let us pray this week for the strength to live out our baptismal promise to reject evil, and to gain courage so as to be a witness to God, and to work toward building his kingdom on earth wherever and whenever we can.

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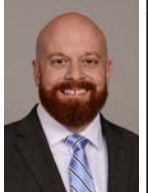
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