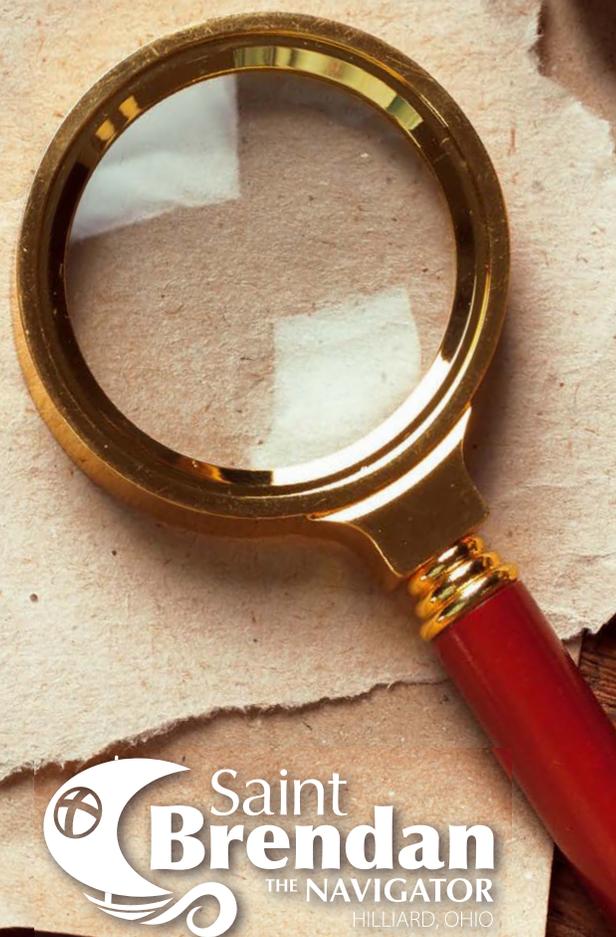


# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

—Mt 13:44-46



## 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

To schedule an appointment for  
Confession with one of the priests,  
please call the parish office.

## OFFICE HOURS

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

4475 DUBLIN ROAD  
HILLIARD, OH 43026  
[STBRENDANS.NET](http://STBRENDANS.NET)  
614.876.1272

## LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

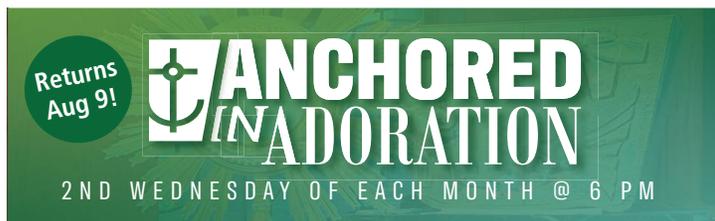
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| MON  | Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola                    |
| TUES | Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori                     |
| WED  | Portiuncula Indulgence (Our Lady of the Angels)      |
| THUR | Feria V of the Seventeenth Week                      |
| FRI  | Memorial of St John Vianney                          |
| SAT  | Optional Memorial of the Dedication of St Mary Major |
| SUN  | Transfiguration of the Lord                          |

## MASS INTENTIONS JULY 31–AUG 6

|      |          |                                     |
|------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| MON  | 6:30 AM  | James Mahon IV                      |
|      | 5:30 PM  | Those with Mental Diseases          |
| TUES | 6:30 AM  | Virginia Keiffer                    |
|      | 8:00 AM  | Josephine Jones                     |
| WED  | 6:30 AM  | Intention of Jim & Lynn Anderson    |
|      | 5:30 PM  | Kenneth Schmidt                     |
| THUR | 6:30 AM  | John & Viola Juhai                  |
|      | 8:00 AM  | William Lalli                       |
| FRI  | 6:30 AM  | Ervin & Anna Kish                   |
|      | 8:00 AM  | Intention for Martha Brown          |
| SAT  | 8:00 AM  | Souls in Purgatory                  |
|      | 5:30 PM  | Helen Hammer                        |
| SUN  | 7:15 AM  | For the People of St Brendan Parish |
|      | 8:45 AM  | John & Mary Chapin                  |
|      | 10:45 AM | For the Protection of the Unborn    |
|      | 5:30 PM  | Intention for Diana Evans           |

## MASS INTENTION OPPORTUNITY!

There are several open spots on our upcoming Mass Intentions calendar. Remember a loved one or make your special prayer intention known at Mass by submitting your request to the Parish Office along with \$10.



Returns Aug 9!

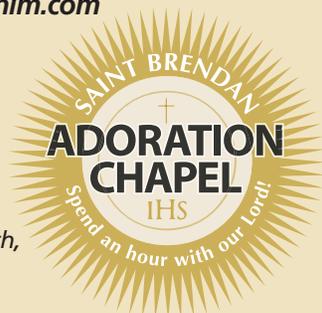
# ANCHORED IN ADORATION

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

|      |  |
|------|--|
| TUES | 9 AM–10 PM   |
| WED  | 7 AM–5 PM<br><i>Holy Hour 6–7 PM<br/>Confessions available</i>         |
| THUR | 9 AM–10 PM   |
| FRI  | 9 AM–10 PM<br><i>First Friday of the month,<br/>9 AM–Saturday 1 PM</i> |
| SAT  | 9 AM–1 PM  |



# 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](mailto:receptionist@stbrendans.net) or call 614.876.1272  
Request a packet at [stbrendans.net/become-a-member](http://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](http://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](mailto:baptism@stbrendans.net)

## Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at [frstinnett@stbrendans.net](mailto:frstinnett@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](http://stbrendans.net/marketing)  
Questions? Email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto: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 Jamie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or [jyoung@stbrendans.net](mailto:jyoung@stbrendans.net)

## Protecting God's Children Class

Register at [www.virtus.org](http://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](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) and create your ParishStaQ account to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit [tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids](http://tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids)

# A MESSAGE FROM INVITING CATHOLICS HOME



Greetings!

I am Janet Walsh with the Inviting Catholics Home ministry. I believe in prayer because someone, somewhere was praying for me to return to my Catholic faith. I know firsthand that I did not do it alone and that my story is not uncommon. As a Cradle Catholic, born into a Catholic family, educated up through college in Catholic schools, I was living a very Catholic life. But, in my early 20's, I walked away from my faith and became a part of the secular world. I was away for 30 years and, although I still considered myself Catholic, was not practicing my faith. One day, six months before I retired from my job, I felt a nudge to return to the Church. Where this nudge came from, I don't know; it happened suddenly and persisted.

Six months later when I retired, I had no idea how to come back to the Church. I didn't have the confidence to just walk through the doors and come back and felt that I was a horrible sinner, not worthy to return. Then, something happened that changed everything. I was driving by St Brendan's and saw a big banner in the front yard that said "Inviting Catholics Home, classes begin..." and thought, "Surely that is not what that sign said." I drove by it several more times and sure enough, that's exactly what it said. That sign by the roadside was the SIGN I needed to come back to the Faith. And that's how my journey Home began!

Inviting Catholics Home Ministry walks with catechized Catholics on their journey back Home. We are the hand that someone can hold when they are not sure what they need to do next. We answer questions, accompany them to Mass so they are not alone, provide encouragement, direction and support.

The last few years have been really disruptive for all of us in many different ways. During this time, I kept hearing people talk about their loved ones who left the Church, were no longer practicing or going to Mass, grandchildren who were not baptized, etc. At the same time, The Inviting Catholics Home ministry was experiencing a dry spell regarding class participants... people were no longer interested in coming back to the Church by attending our classes. We, as a ministry, felt we needed to do something different that everyone could benefit

from. That "something" was to pray! We also were searching for someone who could lead us in this new direction, and St Monica's story provided the perfect inspiration needed. Saint Monica (c.331-387) is the patron saint of conversions, perseverance and mothers and her story is about faith and trust in the Lord. St Monica is the mother of St Augustine, her wayward worldly son who would eventually become one of the Doctors of the Church. After 17 years of prayer, pilgrimages, fasts, almsgiving, sacrifice and many tears, this faithful mother's prayers were finally answered for the conversion of her son and her husband. God was listening and in God they all found rest.

Our ministry began putting out prayer boards at St Brendan events and Mass to encourage people to write down the names of their loved ones who had left the Catholic faith. We continue to do this and pray every day for those names and for everyone who is away from the Church. Praying for them puts God back in control, not us. How reassuring it is to realize that God knows best how to bring His lost sheep back!

The month of August at St Brendan is set aside to focus on all those who are away from the Church. We will pray for them at:

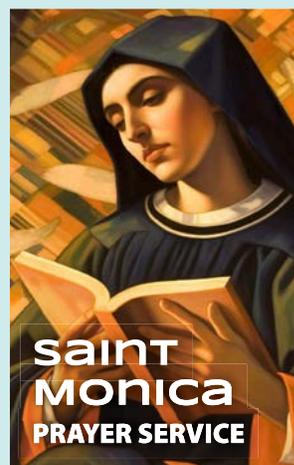
- **First Friday Evening Prayer** on August 4, 7 PM
- **First Friday Perpetual Adoration** on August 4-5
- **A Nine-Day Novena** that begins on August 18
- **St Monica Prayer Service** on Sunday, August 27 at 3 PM (on St Monica's feast day), in the Adoration Chapel

At the prayer service, we will pray together for all of our loved ones written on the prayer boards, prayer wall, and in all of our hearts. There will be more announcements throughout the month of August in the bulletin, online and in the Navigator News. God has a plan for all of us, especially when we don't see it coming. He gave us prayer to talk to Him. He knows what we need and what is in our hearts. It is up to us to be deliberate in prayer and be open to His plan and in HIS time!

~ *Janet Walsh, Inviting Catholics Home Ministry Leader*

**Please join us at one of the events below during August as we focus our prayers on those who have left the Church.**

August 4 | 7 PM  
**FIRST FRIDAY  
EVENING PRAYER**  
FOLLOWED BY  
**PERPETUAL ADORATION**  
August 4/5 | Friday, 9 AM – Saturday, 1 PM  
Sign up at [stbrendan.weadorehim.com](http://stbrendan.weadorehim.com)



**AUGUST 27, 3 PM**

Join Inviting Catholics Home Ministry at the **St Monica Prayer Service** August 27, 3 PM in the Adoration Chapel, to pray for all Catholic families and friends no longer practicing our Faith. Learn how persisting in prayer can bring loved ones back into the Fold through St Monica's example. Join us in praying a Novena that begins August 18, found at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**PARISH FESTIVAL**  
August 11 & 12

**FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**  
September 23

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
October 8

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
October 23

**CRAFT SHOW**  
November 4

*Look for further details in upcoming bulletins.*

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### FACEBOOK

Parish: **St Brendan, Hilliard**  
School: **St Brendan School**

### INSTAGRAM

Parish: **@stbrendanhilliard**  
School: **@saintbrendanschool**  
Vine: **@stbvine**  
Roots: **@stb\_theroots**  
Young Adults: **@stbya**



**WHY YOU NEED TO PRAY**

**ON FORMED**

Chris Stefanick talks about how the most important thing for our relationship with God is to talk to Him. St Brendan parishioners use code 6FGQHZ on [formed.org](http://formed.org) to access this program and more for FREE!

## PARISHSTAQ URL'S

- To log in to your account: [stbrendan.cbcchurch.com](http://stbrendan.cbcchurch.com)
- For information and FAQ: [stbrendans.net/parishstaq](http://stbrendans.net/parishstaq)
- For a quick guide: [tinyurl.com/parishstaq-quick-guide](http://tinyurl.com/parishstaq-quick-guide)
- To receive Liturgy Aids: [tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids](http://tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids)

### MONDAY, JULY 31

|         |                 |                  |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| 6:30 AM | Daily Mass      | Adoration Chapel |
| 9:00 AM | Church Cleaning | Church           |
| 5:30 PM | Daily Mass      | Church           |

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

|                  |                                  |                             |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6:00 AM          | Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing    | Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A    |
| 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          | Men's Club: Monthly Meeting      | Wellnitz, Rm 1 (with patio) |
| 7:00 PM          | Parish Festival Planning Meeting | The Carter Center           |

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

|                 |   |                             |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 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         | Young Adult Group<br><i>(meet first at 6 PM for Adoration!)</i> | Wellnitz, Meeting Rms 1 & 2 |
| 7:00 PM         | KofC #11208:<br>Orientation of New Knights                      | The Carter Center           |
| 7:00 PM         | Summer VINE   | Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A    |

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

|                  |                                       |                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6:30 AM          | Daily Mass                            | Adoration Chapel            |
| 8:00 AM          | Daily Mass                            | Church                      |
| 9:00 AM-10:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration                 | Adoration Chapel            |
| 10:00 AM         | SVDP Sandwich Making for the Homeless | Wellnitz, Rm 1 (with patio) |

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

|                  |                                 |                            |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6:30 AM          | Daily Mass                      | Adoration Chapel           |
| 8:00 AM          | Daily Mass                      | Church                     |
| 8:00 AM          | Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast   | Church & Hella's in Powell |
| 9:00 AM-Midnight | Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration | Adoration Chapel           |
| 7:00 PM          | 1st Friday Evening Prayer       | Adoration Chapel           |
| 7:00 PM          | Summer VINE                     | Meet at School Playground  |

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

#### Diocesan Collection: Latin America

|                          |                                 |                          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Midnight (Aug 4)-1:00 PM | Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration | Adoration Chapel         |
| 6:30 AM                  | Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing   | Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A |
| 8:00 AM                  | Daily Mass                      | Church                   |
| 8:45 AM                  | Praying the Rosary              | Church                   |
| 9:00 AM                  | Confession                      | Confessional             |
| 5:30 PM                  | Vigil Mass                      | Church                   |

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

#### Diocesan Collection: Latin America

|                               |                             |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM | Mass                        | Church                      |
| During 8:45 & 10:45 AM        | Mass                        | Childcare Center            |
| After 8:45 & 10:45 AM         | Mass                        | Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B   |
| 12:00 PM                      | Baptisms                    | Church                      |
| 12:00 PM                      | Baptismal Preparation Class | Wellnitz, Rm 1 (with patio) |

## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Callum Randall Mack



## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

In Loving Memory of Helen  
Hammen, Joe Rielly Family



## ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family **who are hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, email their names to [bulletin@stbrendans.net](mailto:bulletin@stbrendans.net). If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614.876.1272

### 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

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas Dye       | Jackson Maassel |
| Aaron Grieshop   | Alec Moyer      |
| Sam Imwalle      | Rick Shonkwiler |
| Christopher Keck | Rob Shonkwiler  |
| Cody Longstreth  |                 |

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

#### 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 [www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer](http://www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer) and locate the Prayer Wall to make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk.

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## ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS



Join us Wednesday, August 2 at 6-9 PM. We'll start in the main church for Adoration and then move to Wellnitz Hall for our group event.

This month, Alex Milburn

will share his testimony about overcoming grief with our group. Come hear his journey through hardship and faith, as well as meet other young adults! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Mark your calendars for these events happening the first Wednesday of each month. Small groups will be starting up in September!

## Seniors NOW ANCHORED IN FAITH

NAVIGATING OUR WAY

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.



## REGISTER FOR DINNER CLUB

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](mailto:thetimkos@yahoo.com) Register now for the Dinner Club by visiting <https://www.stbrendans.net/the-dinner-club/>



## ST PAUL'S OUTREACH

You may have heard from Alex Dluzynski at Masses last weekend. Alex is a Missionary for Saint Paul's Outreach (SPO), a group dedicated to forming lifelong disciples of young men and women on college campuses. SPO calculates that only 10% of Catholic students are attending Sunday Mass, and Alex hopes to change all that.

Together with fellow missionaries like St Brendan's own, Natalie McFadden, SPO ministers to Catholic students across the country (including OSU and UC). Alex and Natalie are transforming lives as part of the Arizona State SPO team! Learn more about this organization providing important outreach to a generation of students at risk of losing their faith, or consider making a gift to further their efforts at <https://spo.org>

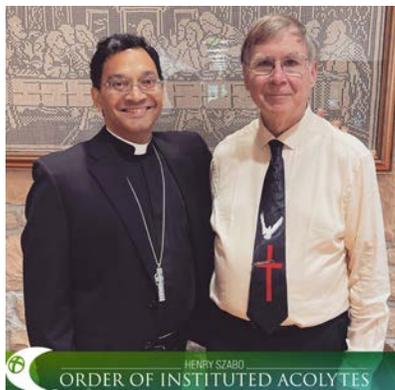
## SPECIAL ELECTION NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 8

The Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Earl Fernandes, encourages Catholics to vote "YES" on Issue 1. Voters can do so at the special election taking place on Tuesday, August 8 (early voting has already begun!). Issue 1 asks if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least sixty percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." Passing Issue 1 will help to defeat a proposed Constitutional amendment in November that would expand and enshrine abortion in our state. As Catholics, we are committed to confronting threats to human life and passionately promote the dignity of preborn children and their mothers. For this reason, Bishop Fernandes asks you to vote "Yes" on Issue 1. Read the language in Issue 1 by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/issue-one> Learn more about the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that will be on the November ballot at [www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment)

## 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. To help, contact Jennifer Rice at [jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO HENRY SZABO!



Tuesday, July 25, Henry Szabo was officially installed into the Order of Instituted Acolytes during our St Brendan 8 AM Mass by Bishop Fernandes. This allows Henry to exercise more ministry at the altar and to the sick, in addition to the work he already does so generously. We are very happy for Henry on his installation into this ministry which the Bishop himself had recognized and affirmed.



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY, AUG 9

Registration is open for **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? Please contact Phil at [papetrella@gmail.com](mailto:papetrella@gmail.com). Register through ParishStag or at <https://www.stbrendans.net/adults/>

## RCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 29

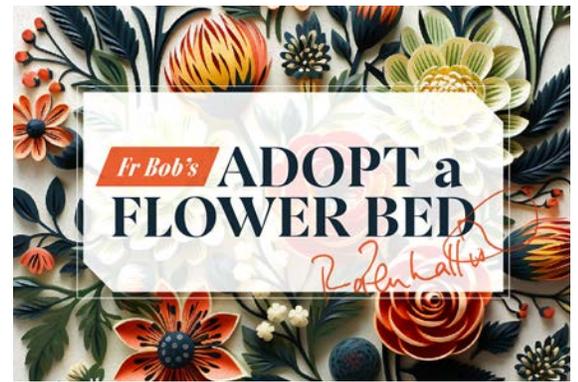
Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, stems from the early Church and allows adults (14+) to learn about developing a personal relationship with Jesus, what it means 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/](http://www.stbrendans.net/rcia/)

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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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 next monthly grief luncheon is on Thursday, August 17, 1-2:30 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W Bridge Street) Questions? Contact Dennis at [edmuch@me.com](mailto:edmuch@me.com)

## 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, August 1 at 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. For questions contact Dale Bruggeman at [dgbrugg@gmail.com](mailto:dgbrugg@gmail.com)

## REGISTER FOR FALL SPORTS

Registration is open for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports including football, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball and soccer. For details or to register, visit [www.stbrendans.net/athletics](http://www.stbrendans.net/athletics)

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## PATHWAYS & SACRAMENT PREPARATION

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### 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. Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I, office park at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Support the seminarians! Register at [m3ssports.com](http://m3ssports.com)

### JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

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## CATHOLIC MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Join men from across the Diocese August 26, 2023, 9 AM-12:30 PM (Mass at 8:30 AM) at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville. The half-day event is designed for Catholic men, featuring a light breakfast, speakers, and small group discussion. Speakers include: Father David Sizemore, Episcopal Vicar for the Diocese of Columbus and Brad Pierron, the Missionary Program Director for Damascus. For more information and to register, visit: [www.CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://www.CatholicMensMinistry.com)

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July 30, 2023

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

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It is no secret that Jesus often taught using parables; last Sunday we heard three, and today there are more. Today's parables seemed obscure until I focused on the repeating phrase "kingdom of heaven," which is likened to treasure, a pearl of great value, and then a fish net. What a contrast! But when I thought about it longer, it made perfect sense: The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure, one that should compel us to give up everything like the person who finds treasure buried in a field or the merchant who buys the pearl, just to make sure we have it in our possession. The kingdom is also something that requires hard work, hence the analogy with fishermen throwing nets into the sea to capture fish and then sort the good from the bad. Think of that net as the predestination St. Paul mentions in today's epistle. God predestined mankind to be called to him, to be justified and glorified in his name, yet we all maintain free will to choose otherwise. So, at the end of the age, when the angels "separate the wicked from the righteous," each of us will learn how precious the treasure of heaven is according to the way we chose to pursue it during our lifetime.

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In the midst of the daily grind, heaven can seem so far removed from our lives until it's Sunday and we're standing in pews during Mass. But the kingdom of heaven isn't contained within the single act of attending Mass on Sundays. Jesus didn't say "attend church for one hour each week and you're all set" - the parables he speaks today show people who put in work, searching for treasure until they found it and did everything they could to ensure they kept it. Jesus taught in parables in order to extend his invitation to the kingdom of heaven to everyone who would listen. With these parables, the kingdom is more of an encounter than an end goal. When we are in a loving, prayerful relationship with God, we are able to recognize and know the joy and the infinite value of the kingdom. We are able to experience God's kingdom in the day-to-day experiences of our lives. We know that the kingdom can be found in Jesus, who is the way. And we know that Jesus is here with us now.

**INVITATION** In the first reading Solomon said to God: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Take a few minutes and read Solomon's Prayer of Dedication for the temple that occurs a few verses later in 1 Kings (8:22-61). In it, he asks God to be with his people always - a prayer for us today as well.

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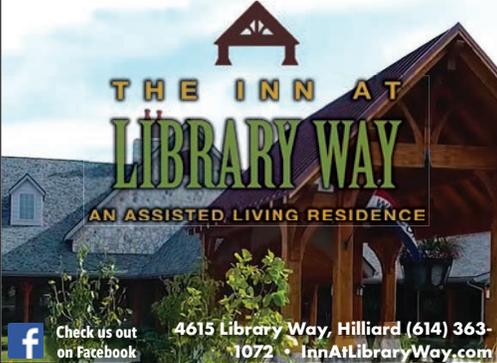
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