

Welcome back to our students & staff!

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SAINT BRENDAN
SCHOOL

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM
& 5:30 PM A4

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)

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LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- MON** Memorial of St Pius X
TUES Queenship of Mary
WED Optional Memorial of St Rose of Lima
THUR Feast of St Bartholomew
FRI Optional Memorial of St Louis, King of France
SAT Saturday of the Twentieth Week
SUN Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

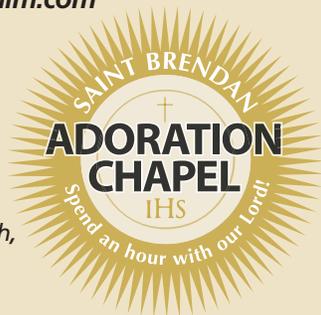
MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 21-27

- MON** 6:30 AM Dan Harness, Jr
5:30 PM Barbara Harbison
TUES 6:30 AM Dan Harness, Jr
8:00 AM Dan Harness, Jr
WED 6:30 AM Dan Harness, Jr
5:30 PM Dan Harness, Jr
THUR 6:30 AM Dan Harness, Jr
8:00 AM Dan Harness, Jr
FRI 6:30 AM Stanko & McLaughlin Families
8:00 AM Bela & Katherine Szigethy
SAT 8:00 AM Edward & Fern Coldren
5:30 PM Joseph Rielly, Sr
SUN 7:15 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish
8:45 AM Bill Sauer
10:45 AM Felipe Nolasco
5:30 PM Fallen Away Catholics

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

- TUES** 9 AM–10 PM
WED 7 AM–5 PM
Holy Hour 6–7 PM
Confessions available
THUR 9 AM–10 PM
FRI 9 AM–10 PM
First Friday of the month,
9 AM–Saturday 1 PM
SAT 9 AM–1 PM



**ANCHORED
IN ADORATION**

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Fall Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

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 Fr Jacob Stinnett at 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

Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail in or drop off 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

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



TURN YOUR **TAX DOLLARS** INTO A **SCHOLARSHIP** AT SAINT BRENDAN!

Opportunities abound for families seeking an affordable Catholic education! Thanks to recent and unprecedented legislation passed in the state of Ohio, financial support for parochial schools is at an all-time high. **If you pay income tax in Ohio, please continue reading** to learn how you can support our school families in a profound way.

Passed by the Ohio Legislature in late 2021, a tax credit was created for donations to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. As the first Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) in the state, Emmaus Road specifically awards scholarships to families seeking a Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus. Donors who make a gift will receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction on their state income taxes upon filing next year! The limit for this tax credit is \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 if married, filing jointly. You can finally direct your state taxes to support Catholic schools and can even earmark your gift for use as a scholarship at Saint Brendan School!

If it sounds too good to be true, I can assure you it's very real. St Brigid of Kildare has already raised, awarded, and been relieved of over \$400,000 in tax dollars to date. In what will be our first year making a concerted effort to support our school families via Emmaus Road, I believe we can eclipse \$1,000,000 in scholarships at effectively no cost to us as parish families. The Bible tells us it is prudent to gather crops in the summer—well, the Sun doesn't burn much brighter than this. This is a tremendous opportunity that I hope you'll join us in taking full advantage of. When you go to make a contribution, be sure to select our school as the beneficiary.

GIVE \$1,500 →
← **GET \$1,500**

Almost anyone paying income tax in the state of Ohio will receive dollar-for-dollar relief from their tax burden at tax time while simultaneously awarding an incredible gift to a school family here at Saint Brendan!

Tax reduction is matched to your gift up to \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 if married, filing jointly!

Learn More about supporting our school families at emmausroadscholarship.org



TELL A FRIEND! SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT EMMAUS ROAD!

In addition to Emmaus Road, Ohio legislators dramatically expanded the EdChoice Scholarship Program in July of this year. Traditionally, EdChoice was state aid provided to families with a great financial need. The recent and sweeping expansion makes EdChoice a universal scholarship awarded to every family that applies! A family making up to 450% the Federal Poverty Level will receive **\$6,165 per child** toward their education at St Brendan! Gifts are prorated from there based on income with a minimum gift of \$650 per child for families making 750% or more of the poverty level. Annual scholarships continue (and increase) when the child reaches high school.

The expansion of EdChoice and the advent of Emmaus Road make for an unprecedented opportunity to bolster Saint Brendan School and the financial wellbeing of its families. To maximize the benefits being paid out from these programs, schools across the diocese are ending their parish subsidy models in their current form. We at St Brendan will continue to abundantly support families with money raised from offertory—now with greater flexibility. This year, EdChoice alone will award more than parish subsidy ever has. Combined with Emmaus Road and needs-based parish giving, we are abundantly blessed with opportunities to support an affordable Catholic education!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



To the families of Jeanie Igel and Regina Tharp

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL** Sept 23
- BLESSING OF ANIMALS** Oct 8
- TRUNK OR TREAT** Oct 23
- CRAFT SHOW** Nov 4

Look for further details in upcoming bulletins.

MONTHLY EVENTS

ANCHORED IN ADORATION
Second Wednesdays, 6 PM

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER
First Fridays, 7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION
First Fridays, 9 AM through Saturday at 1 PM

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

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

INSTAGRAM

Parish: **@stbrendanhilliard**
School: **@saintbrendanschool**
Vine: **@stbvine**
Roots: **@stb_theroots**
Young Adults: **@stbya**



Sr Mary Grace talks about the importance of prayer in our communion with Jesus and shares practical tips on building a life of prayer. St Brendan parishioners can watch it for free on formed.org! See what else is now on



MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 1st Day of School

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, Confessions Available	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 Missionary Co-Op Appeal (Franciscan Sisters, India)

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	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	SVdP Conference Meeting	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)
11:00 AM	Altar Server Training: Jr Servers	Church
2:00 PM	Altar Server Training: Acolytes	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 Missionary Co-Op Appeal (Franciscan Sisters, India)

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 Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	VINE: Leadership Team Retreat	Multi-Purpose Room
1:00 PM	Altar Server Training: Jr Servers	Church
3:00 PM	Inviting Catholics Home: St Monica Prayer Service	Church
4:00 PM	Altar Server Training: Acolytes	Church



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.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please 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	Lorraine Nemchik
Ben Diepenbrock	Grant Nuss
Mary Jo Flickinger	Tom Speroni
Mary Frick	Pamela Theado
Lois Hanf	Mitzie Toth
Don Johnson	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 loved one who is no longer practicing the faith, please visit the 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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ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!

We are working to improve our altar server program with new ranks of servers as a way to grow our program and create mentorship bonds between older and younger servers. We are especially looking for students going into 3rd or 4th grade (this year) to take the class to become Junior Altar Servers. Junior Servers will shadow and learn from the older, more experienced servers. After they learn the responsibilities necessary by participating at regularly scheduled Masses, they will transition over to Acolytes when they graduate 4th grade.

It has been several years since we have done a formal re-training of all altar servers. In order to kick off this new program, all altar servers are encouraged to attend one of the following:

JUNIOR SERVERS (grades 3 and 4)

Saturday, August 26, 11 AM

Sunday, August 27, 1 PM

Saturday, September 2, 11 AM

ACOLYTES (grades 5 through 12)

Saturday, August 26, 2 PM

Sunday, August 27, 4 PM

Saturday, September 2, 2 PM

We also ask that all altar servers complete a new registration form that can be found at: www.stbrendans.net/liturgy-and-worship (web) <https://tinyurl.com/altar-server-class> (ParishStaq) Questions? Please contact the church office.



LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!

Enjoy great food and drink while getting to know fellow parishioners! 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 questions, contact Rhonda at thetimkos@yahoo.com. To register, visit www.stbrendans.net/the-dinner-club

MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

are an international religious congregation of women founded in India in 1844 by Fr Louis Savinien Dupuis, a French Missionary. He inculcated preferential love for the poor, simplicity of life, and zeal for the education of women as the special objective of the congregation and sought to nurture Christian piety in families. The Sisters foster a special devotion to the Immaculate Heart and imitate the virtues symbolized by it in a variety of apostolic activities which include: education, healthcare, nursing homes, home for the elderly, social service centers, etc. Like the life of Saint Francis, the Sisters strive for a life of generous personal commitment to follow the simple and poor Christ of the Gospel. Their first foundation in the United States was established November 12, 1998, in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Indiana and now have seven convents and 21 Sisters including in New York and Ohio.



This year's focus involves the Bishop David Hospital in Santavasal, Tamil Nadu, India.

The Sisters are asking for our financial assistance to help the people of this locality, as pregnant mothers currently

need to travel 2 hours (22 miles) to reach a better hospital for a Caesarean section in cases of emergency, so there exists an immediate need to better equip this hospital. Through your financial and prayerful support, you can make a difference for young women and their babies by raising funding for medical equipment in order to perform Caesarean sections. The minimum equipment cost is \$18,395, but **each penny is important!** Purchasing this equipment will help improve the health and well-being of the women and children in 15 villages under the Santavasal Mission.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary would like to thank you for your contribution to their cause. Please give generously in the baskets next weekend or make an online gift to the "Missionary Co-op" fund by scanning the QR code – <https://ppay.co/udTEWwA80q0>

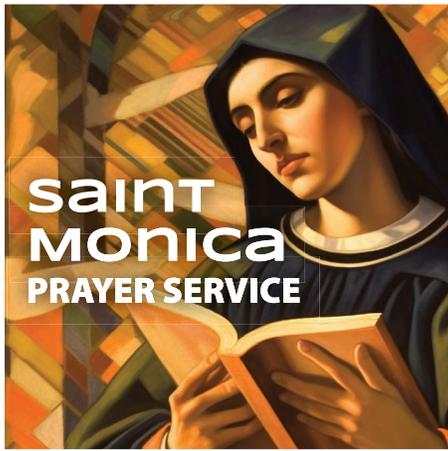


RCIA CLASSES BEGIN ON AUGUST 29

Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, allows adults (14+) to learn 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. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia

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



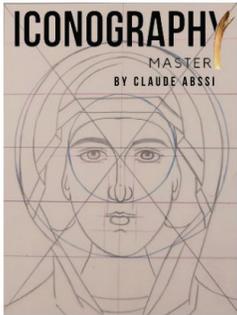
NEXT SUNDAY!

August 27, 3-4 PM, join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry and Deacon Jim at the **St Monica Prayer Service** in the Church to pray for all those no longer practicing our Faith. We will start off by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then learn how persisting in prayer can bring loved ones back through St Monica's example. Our prayer team will also be available to pray one-on-one

with you! It's not too late to join in praying a Novena for those who are away from the Church, which began on August 18 and is available to view and print out at www.stbrendans.net/ich

ICONOGRAPHY CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 26

CLASS LEVEL 1: INTRODUCTORY CLASS is an Introduction to the



process of drawing the face of an Icon (geometric measurements and the placement of facial features) from Iconographer Claude Abssi who created our Stations of the Cross here at St Brendan! The cost is \$300 plus supplies and includes 4 two-hour classes (total of 8 hours of instruction). Classes take place on Saturdays from 9-11 AM beginning August 26 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. For more information or to register, please contact Claude at 937-419-3027 or claudette.claude1970@hotmail.com



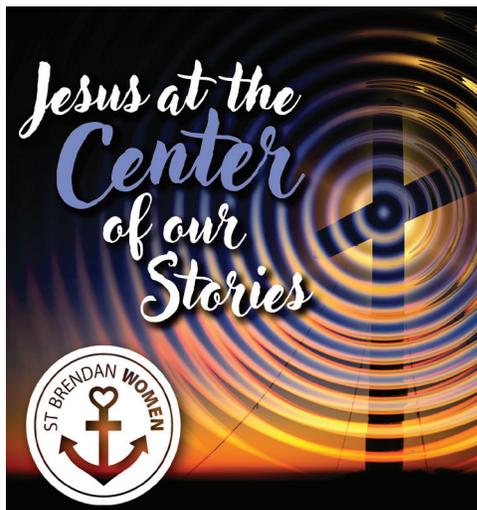
Seniors NOW is a social ministry for adults 65+ (single, married, divorced, widowed). We invite all seniors to join us at the event below. Questions? Contact Larry at 614-264-6925 or Larryhanchin@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 1, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at Scrambler Marie, 3939 Britton Pkwy. No RSVP required.

WOMEN'S EVENT

SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30-8:30 PM

The St Brendan Women's season kick-off begins with, *Jesus at the Center of Our Stories* in the Davidson Road Meeting Rooms A & B. Hear a witness talk by Angel Fox, whose story of healing with Jesus at the center is sure to inspire you! Refreshments, reflection, and our prayer teams will be available. RSVP at www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups



AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS – THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

“Most of our family is away from the Catholic Church. That is hard for my husband Al and me because we love the Lord so much and we want everyone to know and love Jesus.

Jesus has showed me how much His heart aches for all of His children to be close to Him. So I pray fervently for their conversion, but also for my husband and I to go deeper with Jesus, to grow in holiness, to go to Confession more often, to be a more joyful witnesses to His love and mercy – and to be authentic, welcoming and non-judgmental in how we interact with others, but especially with our family who are away from the Church.

I want to be like the Father in the Prodigal Son story, so that when the Holy Spirit brings our family members back to the faith, we are there to welcome them with wide open and loving arms. I trust in God's plan and timing on this because I know He desires it even more than I do. Jesus, I trust in you!” ~ Lori C

“I became Catholic as an adult at the same time that several family members were leaving the Church. It was difficult to watch them reject something that was such a positive new part of my life. It didn't make sense to me how people who were raised Catholic could ever leave! Could their rejection be due, at least in part, by not fully understanding the Faith?

For me, experiencing Sacraments that had been unavailable to me up until that point was life-changing! My desire grew to help bring people back to the Church, not just as another body sitting in a pew, but in a way that they could truly understand and appreciate the richness and fullness the Faith has to offer. The Inviting Catholics Home Ministry provided that opportunity, and so, I joined in their efforts. It was the Holy Spirit who guided me to become Catholic and the Holy Spirit can also guide those who are away to come back. By praying for this, we can be at peace, knowing that our petition is in the loving and capable hands of our Lord.” ~ Lee S

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED –

We are now looking to fill our volunteer spots! Our greatest need is mentors for middle school students and mentors for parents. If you have a heart for young people or desire to see parents succeed in their vocation, this is the place for you! Middle school mentors will meet with a small group of middle school students ten times this year. These groups play a game and then walk through a discussion of video content or the Bible. Parent mentors (called family coaches) facilitate a table of faith formation parents eight times through the year. They help the parents to share their own thoughts about faith and parenting. Please pray and consider filling these needs for our parish families!

FAITH FORMATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on many who can help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel. Volunteer opportunities are outlined below. Scan the QR code or visit our Family Faith Formation volunteer web page at www.stbrendans.net/faith-formation-volunteers



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.

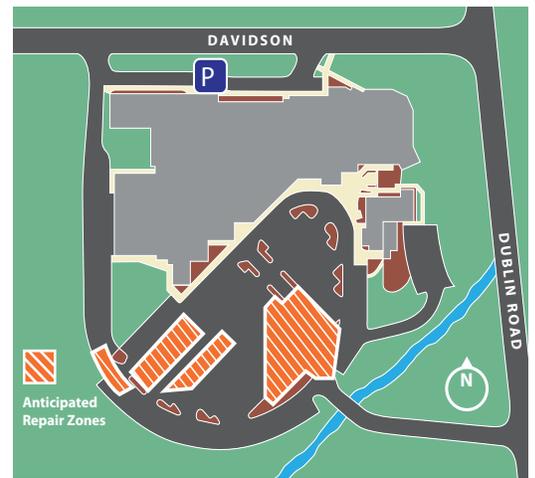
FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) lead and provide feedback to 6-8 families in a small group and help with questions about faith at home for 8 sessions, once/month.

FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTER POSITION

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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PARKING LOT REPAIRS

Repairs are expected to have already begun on our parking lot in the areas shown in orange on the map above. Those areas will be marked off with cones this weekend so please take care if entering the main parking lot. Paving will take place Tuesday, August 22. For easy, uninterrupted parking, please avoid the main parking lot if possible during these dates. Instead, consider utilizing the parking areas in the bus lane along Davidson Road or at DiPietro Park. Thank you for your patience.



MEN'S MINI-CONFERENCE

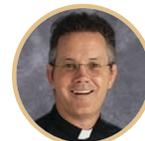
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Brad Pierron

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HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

MYSTICAL ROSE MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA

Womb to Tomb Ministry invites you on September 9, 2-4 PM to St Catherine Parish Center for classic Tea and Boba. All girls 5th grade and older and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc, are welcome. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 anyone under 18. Register by September 1 by emailing lisareis06@gmail.com or by visiting www.stcatherine.com/tea

ODU ANNUAL FALL LECTURE SERIES

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will presents four lectures this fall on the theme "Truths We Have Learned" which are free and open to the public, 3:30 PM in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room at 1216 Sunbury Rd, Columbus, 43219. The first lecture will take place on Thursday, September 14. For details, visit ohiodominican.edu

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, September 1 at St Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Attorney Don Brey and Dr Michael Parker about the proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment to expand abortion access in Ohio. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 AM followed by lunch at 12:10 PM and the presentation by Mr Brey and Dr Parker. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, October 6, and will feature a presentation by John Bradford. If interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Jim at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com

RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to help us deliver our mission, "...to prevent and alleviate human suffering by mobilizing the power of volunteers..." If interested in helping, you can start your volunteer journey at www.redcross.org/volunteer and clicking on the blue "Apply Now" words. If you have questions or want more information, reach out to Becky Chandle at 614-395-3924 or at rebecca.chandler2@redcross.org

August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

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The abundance of God's love for us is what stood out for me in our readings today. If we consider the concept of abundance outside the Scriptures, it can be tricky. When we have it, does it imply we have too much when others have too little? If we are speaking of material things, then perhaps. But God's infinite and merciful love for us resound in each of our readings today, and this is cause for joy. In Isaiah, the Lord announces that he will accept offerings from anyone who holds to his covenant, Jewish or not. Saint Paul stresses that God's mercy is for *all*, and Jesus, after some back-and-forth with the Canaanite woman, heals the woman's daughter because of her great faith. God never tires of desiring healing and wholeness for *all* his children, which is a great gift. Let this gift of grace from God be a catalyst for us to reach out in love to others so that we also can come to God's "holy mountain and [be made] joyful in [his] house of prayer."

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How can we reach out in love to others as we are called to do? Perhaps we can start with our parish. Is there a ministry we have read about in the bulletin that needs volunteers? Or a coordinator? Perhaps it is time to ask God how we can be his instrument in the world. We can start small. I will never forget when my friend volunteered to run our Vacation Bible School one summer. Of course, she turned to her friends to help her with this daunting task! What she desperately needed was someone to go from classroom to classroom and lead the children in song. Talk about out of my comfort zone! But she gave me the music books and song suggestions, and pretty soon, "This Little Light of Mine" was reverberating through the halls of the school. I learned then and there that kids don't notice the quality of your voice if you are joyful and enthusiastic. They love to sing! Take a chance and get out there. You won't regret it.

PRAY *Lord, Jesus Christ, give me the wisdom to view my hands as extensions of yours. Give me eyes to see all people as you see them. Help me to use my voice to praise you and bring the truth of your goodness to everyone I encounter. Give me the strength to have unwavering faith. Amen.*

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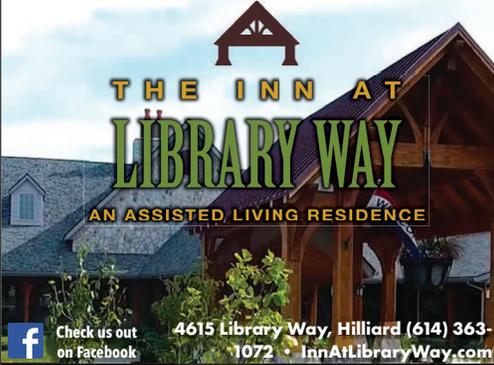
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